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"NOW I KNOW ABOUT POLIO"

Editor's Note—What does a parent feel when his child is stricken with polio? Thousands of parents learned first-hand last year when the nation was visited with its worst polio epidemic in history. Here, one of those parents, E. W. Heller, managing editor of the Marshfield (Wis.) News-Herald, tells about it in a story written in connection with the 1950 March of Dimes drive of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The Foundation faces a critical shortage of funds this year to carry on its work.

By E. W. HELLER

All I really know about polio is what thousands of other parents learned last year—how you feel when a word becomes a terror that enters your life—how you feel when the doctor looks up, says, "I'm sorry. I'm afraid it's polio!"

We were a thousand miles from our home in Marshfield, Wis., on our first vacation trip in two years. My wife, our three daughters and I had enjoyed the pleasant motor trip to

visit my wife's parents in Easton, Pa.

Anita, 17, our eldest daughter, had driven part of the way. We thought little of her complaint of eyestrain on the way out and we were not perturbed when she said she was tired at the end of the trip.

We had been in Easton two days when she complained of a throbbing headache. I took her to a doctor. Her trouble seemed a simple neuralgic headache. With that assurance, her mother and I left for New York City, to attend a Lions convention.

The following day, just before lunch, Mrs. Heller phoned Easton. That was when the roof caved in!

The children's grandmother had been trying to reach us. Anita was in the hospital. The diagnosis — polio!

I knew, of course, there was nothing we could do, that no power on earth could prevent the virus from carrying out its work. I knew that medical science was helpless to protect the two other little girls who had been in constant contact with their sister. But we packed our suitcases in mere seconds, checked out.

It was evening before we reached Easton.

Then we heard how Anita had lost control of her legs that morning, how she had pleaded when the ambulance left: "Don't tell Dad and Mom. Let them have their vacation—they've earned it."

We rushed to the hospital. We found Anita in cheerful spirits, but sorry that we had abandoned our trip to New York. We could not help her, she said, so why hadn't we stayed?

How could we explain that we did not know if we would ever hear her voice again, that our world had toppled with her?

One day gloomily followed the other. We lived in a crushing atmosphere of suspense until the morning, five days after the first appearance of paralysis, when the doctor said the attack had run its course.

But he estimated at least six months of hospitalization would be necessary; he could not even guess what degree of control over stricken muscles might be restored.

That is the terror of polio, the grinding worry that persists until the worst is known—relieved slightly by heartfelt gratitude when unselfish friends message their anxiety and offer help. And we found a new friend—millions of friends in one—who did not need to be called in our dark hour.

We were not surprised when two special duty nurses took over Anita's care. To us, one of the minor aspects of polio was financial ruin. We were prepared, almost subconsciously, to mortgage our home to pay the bills.

But the two nurses asked no remuneration from us. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis took care of payment. Next day came a telegram, unsolicited, from our own county chapter of the Foundation, assuring us of help to pay medical costs. Two months later Anita was flown back to Wisconsin.

The other day Anita's braces came. As I signed the receipt, the post-office clerk asked, "Can Anita walk yet?"

I shook my head, left quickly. I knew he meant to be kind, but—

If anyone ever hands you an armful of braces for a loved one, you will know how I felt then.

Yet I know I have reason to be grateful for such things as braces, hot packs, therapy, and the skills that, God willing, will help Anita to sit up, to use her arms, to walk again—about the home, we didn't have to mortgage.

Yes, now I know about polio.

Comment by the editor:

There, in a nutshell, is one of the stories of an attack of polio. There you have laid before you in plain, unvarnished words, undecorated with the mystic adjectives of terror used by novelists, a case of infantile pa-

Commanding Marine Visits Leatherneck Patients Here



Major General Keller E. Rockey, USMC, Commanding General, Department of the Pacific, paid a pre-Christmas visit on 21 December to Marines and ex-Marines now receiving treatment here. On the plastic surgery ward he talked with Charles E. Castleman, left, who served with the 22nd Marines in the Marshalls and on Guam until he was severely wounded in July, 1944. Also pictured with the general are Captain S. S. Cook, Medical Officer in Command; Captain Otto Wickstrom, Head of the Plastic Surgery Department; and M/Sgt. Harry M. Dyle. This was General Rockey's first visit to Oak Knoll.

Arlington Gets Carillon As Memorial

Washington (AFPS)—A "living" memorial to America's World War II dead in the form of an electric carillon of English chimes and Flemish bells was formally dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Polio striking in a family. It could happen to you, or me, or anyone. It is no respecter of creed or race. It is no respecter of wealth or rank. It is no respecter of social position or political influence. In fact, it is one of the truly democratic things on this earth. It respects nothing.

It can strike anyone anytime, anywhere, anyway. Modern science with its Cyclopean eye has yet to divine the workings of this dreaded maimer and killer of young and old, rich and poor. With all the "miracle drugs," science still has only one weapon against polio—money. In this one instance, can money buy that most precious of all earthly commodities, happiness.

So the next time you go to a show, give that little fellow in braces beside you one-eighth of your ticket; the next time you buy a box of candy, give the girl on crutches outside the door a few pieces; the next time you have a steak dinner, invite that person in the iron lung at the next table to join you for a few bites.

The March of Dimes starts on Jan-

President Truman and high ranking military and civilian governmental leaders participated in the formal dedicatory services.

The carillon, which can be played either manually or automatically, will ring out daily at the hour of retreat.

Non-sectarian religious services will be conducted during the dedication ceremonies. They will be jointly held by chiefs of chaplains of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The carillon can be heard but not seen. In accordance with a governmental stipulation that nothing must alter the physical appearance of the Arlington Amphitheater, the bells and amplification units will be located in the basement. The "stentors" or tone projectors will be hidden under a false roof on top of the structure.

January 16th. Join that long, hard trek, and let each dime you give serve as your step toward the ultimate destination. And remember, each step you take is a step toward happiness for someone, somewhere.

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Welcome, 1950

Tonight, at 2400, 1949 passes into the Land of Limbo. Everything that happened during the days identified by those four digits will become merely fodder for the historians to chew and digest or expel at will. Nothing will remain, save memories. Memories of happiness and sorrow; memories of sickness and health; memories of love and hate.

As the calendar starts anew, so should we. Remember the happiness 'til it shall obliterate the sorrow. Remember and strive for health 'til sickness shall follow this year into Limbo. Walk up to those you dislike and say to them, "I got off on the wrong foot and began by disliking you. Shall we try again?" and to those you love, just hold their hand in friendship—words will be unnecessary.

With the coming of 1950, come 365 chances to live a better life; to change from what you are into what you want to be. Take those chances. Live your life to the hilt, but live it as you and others who love you want it to be lived. When one can satisfy himself and those who count with him, then, and then alone, has he lived a life to be proud of.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Every fifty years, before the coming of Christ, the people of the Old Testament faithfully observed the year of Jubilee which had been ordered by Moses. For the Jews, the Jubilee year was a year of special kindness and consideration. During this year all debts were canceled and all slaves were freed. At least that was the ideal in the minds of men cognizant of the Jubilee.

Here in California the year 1949 commemorated the 100th anniversary of gold finding. Yet! An historical fact uppermost in the minds of the American people and of the population of the world in 1949 was not Gold. It was the Berlin air-lift. Hungry mouths received bread, not stones. Young men lost their lives for an ideal.

Within the last decade, men and women around the world have known the scourge of war. They realized, to a devastating degree, the futility of it as a medium for settling the differences of human groups. In age there is wisdom—we have played with fire and we were burned. It is the desire of spiritual leaders that we truly enjoy Peace. This is possible to men of good will. AD MULTOS ANNOS.

—FRANCIS J. KLASS

★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—0930
Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150, Saturday Mass 1150.
Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

SEASON'S MEMORIES: The holidays at Oak Knoll leave us with a kaleidoscope of impressions which we'll remember all year long and prominently among them are:

The corpsman and patients of ward 63B pushing a piano up the hill from a closed ward so that they would be sure to have music on Christmas Eve. Incidentally, the carolling was led by the forceful voice of **GEORGE BLACKBURN**, veteran.

The crackle, color, and disarray of Christmas wrappings at the Red Cross Lounge—the smell of taffy cooking—Santa hanging onto his slipping stomach—the energy, stamina, and vibrant personalities of the officers' wives who ran the jointly-sponsored wrapping service—the invasion of the nurses to wrap the kiddies' presents, a grand bunch, speedy and efficient!—the mingled aromas of evergreens, oranges, apples, fruit cake and pretty Christmas cookies.

PAT PATTERSON, the gifted puppeteer who was the hit of the children's party at the auditorium, playing a whole special show for **ONE** little three-year-old boy on the pediatrics ward and little **MARK'S** touching response to his lifelike, puppet playmate.

ENS BERNICE (BONNIE) SZOSTAK, nurse on 70A, who at her own expense provided a party for the whole ward with the most fabulous food, including hors d'oeuvres! Then, to the music of a beat-up Red Cross phonograph and Miss Szostak's good records, offered to have a dance with all the more agile patients! That was **REAL** holiday spirit.

Patients on ward 62A who decorated their own Christmas cookies with some of the most out-of-this-world ideas while **FREDERICK PETERSON**, Spanish-American War veteran, directed **JOHN O'REILLY**, SN, where to put his marshmallow snowman on the tree.

The Santa Claus who couldn't be weighed on any ward scales because they only go up to 300 pounds! (No padding on that Santa.)

PIPER on ward 45B making sure that the bowl of his pet goldfish had the proper season's decorations.

The beautiful candlelighted services at the chapel and all those who

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Nurse; LTJG Wed in Chapel

On Thursday, 22 December, Miss Virginia C. Quimby, LT (NC), was married to LTJG S. L. Dolvin, at 1400 in the station chapel by Chaplain R. F. McComas.

Following the ceremony, Miss Quimby was separated from the service to live with her husband in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was recently transferred following a training period in the Line School at Monterey, California.

Miss Quimby joined the Navy in 1942 and spent the latter months of the war in the South Pacific. She arrived at Oak Knoll from U. S. Naval Air Station, Bermuda, Bahama Islands in February of 1949. The bride's home is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

18 December
WILLIAMS, Dennis Bruce, to wife of Dean Williams, EN3, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
TARPEIN, Gary Earl, to wife of Fred Tarpein, AO1, 6 pounds, 12½ ounces.
ELLIOTT, Grady Lee, Jr., to wife of Grady Elliott, TN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
SMITH, Mildred Pittenger, to wife of Leonard Smith, LT, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
EMMERSON, Mark Edwin, to wife of Mile Emmerson, ET3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
SMITH, Michael Andrew, to wife of William Smith, SK2, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

19 December
HAMMER, William George, to wife of William Hammer, AD1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
MAYNORD, Barbara Jo, to wife of Joe Maynard, AD1, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
EVANS, James Patrick, to wife of James Evans, CAPT, USMC, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
LIPSIE, Baby Boy, to wife of George Lipsie, FA, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

20 December
STEVENS, Baby Boy, to wife of Donald Stevens, AE1, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
STEWART, Baby Boy, to wife of Charles Stewart, ADC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
HALL, Baby Boy, to wife of George Hall, LCDR, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
MARTIN, Mary Ann, to wife of Lee Martin, 1st LT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
SAMPLES, Patricia Ann, to wife of John Samples, SN, 7 pounds.

21 December
HARNED, John Joseph, to wife of John Harned, QM1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

22 December
NOLAN, Susan Lorraine, to wife of Heston Nolan, TD2, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
WAYLAND, Harlan Nathan, Jr., to wife of Harlan Wayland, CSC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
HERNS, Patricia Joanne, to wife of Robert Herns, RM2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
HARRIS, Travis, Jr., to wife of Travis Harris, CSC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
JENNINGS, Arthur Gordon, to wife of Arthur Jennings, RDSN, 7 pounds.
JOLLY, David Bennett, to wife of Emerson Jolly, AMC, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

23 December
BOUTWELL, Brent Eugene, to wife of Merlin Boutwell, RD2, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
SANTOS, Sandra Jean, to wife of Walter Santos, FN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
FINLAY, Sharon Gale, to wife of Richard Finley, IJN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
SMITH, Noella Jean, to wife of Roland Smith, 7 pounds.
BRANNON, Denise Suzanne, to wife of John Brannon, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.
MAVOR, Susan Lee, to wife of Conrad Mavor, T/SGT, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
SPECTOR, Wayne Julian, to wife of Herman Spector, CDR, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

24 December
CARLSON, Susan Maurine, to wife of Jerome Carlson, YNC, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
SANDLIN, James Randall, to wife of Dennis Sandlin, T/SGT, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
BROWN, William Andrew, III, to wife of William Brown, FN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
SPRUILL, Alan Steven, to wife of Lindsey Spruill, SN, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
MURRAY, Pamela Anne, to wife of Arthur Murray, LCDR, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
CLAYTON, Donna Elizabeth, to wife of Robert Clayton, AE3, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

St. Nick Brings Babies as Gifts

Five holly babies decked the halls in 73B, this Christmas day.

Santa Claus, that jolly, accommodating gentleman, stood by so St. Stork could go on special liberty. He took the place by storm, reindeers, sleigh bells, and all, and dumped the prize packages on our maternity ward here. There actually were six, as a matter of fact, since Mr. Claus came on duty early, at 2321 on the 24th and deposited a baby girl with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, just about the time most of the world was commemorating the birth of another Infant, born nearly 2000 years ago.

The first little tyke to make his debut on the 25th was Michael David Tharpe who greeted his public with the usual lusty yell at 10:27 a.m. Raymond Charles Christopherson waited until 16 minutes after noon chow. Carol Lorraine mustered in at 6:32 in the evening. Eugenia Margaret Wright at 10:11 that night, and Patricia Ann Stowell almost kept Santa overtime, arriving at 11:54. Many Merry Christmases to come to these famous bambinos and their happy parents.





Who's Who . . . Resolved—

Hailing from the free and sovereign state of Oklahoma, although he enlisted in Texas, Glenn W. Oberlin,



HN, of 71B, first became interested in his hobby of cartoon drawing in that state. In addition to his cartooning, Glenn was also a plumber's helper and student prior to his enlistment.

Although he is an ardent student of all the sports, he claims pool and bowling as his favorites, and his frequent wins in both contests will speak for the effectiveness of being liked by him.

LeGrande J. Phelps, HN, 75B, was a pharmacy worker before joining the Navy, so naturally he was surprised when asked if he wanted to go into the Hospital Corps by the enlisting officer in his home town of Salt Lake City, Utah, when he joined in October of 1948.



"Flip," as he is called by those who know him well, recalls "he almost won the tennis championship, in Salt Lake City, BUT." In addition to his tennis, swimming and auto mechanics occupy his time, with just a few of the many hours in a week spent on liberty.

After enlisting in Texas, Kirby G. Anthon, HA, assigned to special watches was returned to that grand and glorious state after Boot Camp and Corps school in San Diego before arriving at Oak Knoll in April of 1949.

A three-year letter man in all four majors sports, Anthon was an invaluable addition to the Oak Knoll basketball team where he now plays center.

He is currently living in Komandorski Village with his wife, Imogene.

Bred, born and raised in California, Alden L. Boucha, HN of the OOD's office, also enlisted in this state, although he did travel freely before deciding upon his spot of enlistment. Born in Brawley, he moved to Modesto before enlisting in San Francisco.

Since reporting to Oak Knoll in April of 1948, the Burly Blond has aided the Oak Knoll Pirates by playing tackle in football and guard in basketball, besides pursuing other hobbies of tennis and swimming.



Knollites Make Vows to Break

Every January 1st, there comes into each man's heart a desire to do better deeds and act better actions for the coming year than he has for the last 365 days. That is why New Year Resolutions were begun; to enable persons with weak moral characters to vow something and then not be too ashamed for breaking that vow. "Everyone else did it; why shouldn't I!"

Here are a few of Oak Knoll's resolutions. A story lies behind each one, and where possible it shall be given. In some instances, however, for obvious reasons, the story cannot be given. In such cases, just use your imagination and everything will be fine.

"Resolve to get a college education and then make third class," says J. R. Stokes, HN, of Pediatrics, while his co-worker, L. E. Wallace vows, perhaps jokingly, "Resolve to receive my discharge with two stripes on my arm."

E. Cardinez, looking obviously undernourished, vows to correct that by "Eating three meals a day instead of my usual one."

J. E. Hawkins, HA, 75B, gave as his resolution, "Never to work again." When reminded that the Navy frowns down upon vows like that he hastily amended it to read, "Never to work again—in civilian life."

Andrew L. Hubbard, Veteran on 75A, displayed an oft-punctured vein and promised solemnly to "Get better veins so these corpsmen can hit them easier."

Still on 75A, ENS Dorothy Garber held up several thermometers which had been inadvertently immersed in hot water and said soulfully, "I hereby resolve to never again sterilize thermometers by boiling them."

Joan Smejkal has one of the few resolutions which dealt with others instead of herself. "I resolve to share more and live more for humanity."

Arthur E. Belknap, Veteran on 75B thought of others more than himself for his New Year course. Said Mr. Belknap, "I resolve to get well as I watch the others get better, too."

Anyone who has seen Billy Griffin's back can well understand the reasons behind the promise of Billy Holliday, HA, on 71A. "I resolve to refrain from making the initial incisions on patients I prep."

Said Phyllis Shea, HM3(W) without cracking a smile, "I resolve to do something to make a resolution against."

The following resolution was given by a doctor for a nurse on 73B. As was warned at the beginning, some stories just don't get in. This in one of those stories. "I resolve to wear two slips with my nylon uniform." Need more be said?

R. T. George, HA, on 62A, "I resolve to get to work on time." D. E. Kimmens, also on 62A, looked at him sharply before giving his resolution, which ran, "I firmly resolve to aid George in keeping his resolution."

Charles E. Hopkins, a patient on a hepatitis diet, vowed to, "Eat as much as I can when I get out of here, so I'll need to diet."



Captain S. S. Cook, Medical Officer in Command, is shown presenting George W. Cochrane of Public Works with a Certificate of Merit and a ten dollar check for his arrangement of a flagging system in calling utility trucks to the various shops of the Public Works Department. On the extreme left is Charlie R. Cathcart, electrician, who was also presented with a Certificate and a check for forty dollars in appreciation of his beneficial suggestion: a method of checking breakdowns in the ward call and signal systems of this hospital.

Waves' Woes

By JEAN SHARPE, HMI

It seems that Kriss Kringle and Danny Cupid are vying for honors during these festive times. Not only did Dick Tracy and Tess Truehart knock the pins out from under the nation, as did Sylvia and Clark, but our own Ruthie Ford is sporting a very lovely diamond on her third finger, left hand. That's all I'll say, since I promised to be subtle, for once, but we all think it's wonderful, and wish the happy couple much joy in their engagement.

Edna Peters, ex-WAVE, played the role of Mrs. Claus, and made a fine job of transforming our rumpus room into a Holiday Delight. Lighted tree, little chimney, stockings and presents for all. "Pete" certainly must have had the real spirit this year. I believe her heart is still in the Navy, since so many of us at the WAVE Quarters benefited by her thoughtfulness. We could use an attitude like that all year 'round. All of us thank you, Pete, for your generosity.

Most every department in the hospital had their own party with refreshments, gifts and Santas. OPD put on a gala affair, with Dr. ("Darling") Hammon portraying the Jolly Gent to perfection. It called for the aid of pillows, fore and aft, a great necessity, since Dr. H. is more on the Gregory Peck type than the Sidney Greenstreet. However, he carried

J. W. Howell and W. F. Davis, both SAs on 62B then idled simultaneously, "Resolve to be out of the Navy by next New Year's Day."

Another untold story from ENS F. L. Bryant, "Never to go with men again."

A. G. Hardman, patient on 41A, "Resolve to never again make a New Year's resolution or give Hassan any guff." That is a story in itself.

Bill Gerlitz, HA, "resolve to keep my locker clean." That is obviously an attempt at humor.

off the whole thing beautifully, marking his entrance by the reading of a very clever (I think mostly original) poem that took in the vices and virtues of all the staff of this department.

At the record office party on the 23rd, a little fellow by the name of "Peanut" caused quite a commotion, especially among the ladies. This was the mouse that must have been overlooked in the famous Christmas poem, for he "stirred," all right, and made himself quite outstanding. LT Stutler found the friendly, brown-coated little beastie in his garage, and brought him to the office to find him a loving home. He was adopted immediately by Mrs. Ruth Cohoon (OPD) and her young daughter Judy, who was most enthusiastic about him. If they can just keep the cats away. He must really have a charmed life, since he has had two close calls in his young life.

Christmas dinner here on the base was something to write home about, as most of us did. You'd really have to go far to find the equal of such a sumptuous spread. It would be very nice to have candy and cigarettes with every meal. We can skip the cigars.

A great and pleasant surprise was the big turnout for midnight mass here on the base at the Chapel. The singing and music were beautiful, and Chief Simms at the organ proved that there is no end to some of our buddies' talents.

And so, until 1950, "Auld Lang Syne" . . .

J. Michell, Veteran on 41A, resolves to "Turn over a new leaf that reads exactly as the old one does."

And from all of us should come the resolution of Elmer H. Jernigan, Veteran on 75B, which goes like this—

"I resolve to follow the Golden Rule, that others may profit from my example, and to follow the examples of others myself, by following the paths of famous men and detouring from those taken by infamous men."

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The HCO Beat

By MAC

Was Santa good to you this year? He left me so much coal in my stocking that John L. Lewis sent me a wire ordering me to go on a thirty day strike. All kidding aside, though, the old man with the white whiskers was really good to me and I hope that everyone else had as wonderful a time.

Why is it that the "WAVES choice," P. A. Moormeier, is going around telling everybody he is married, has two children, and that his wife is going to divorce him?

From now on, if you want to enter the Record Office you must know the secret password. For the benefit of all those who don't know it, the magic words are "seven come eleven." It seems that Chief Schultz is carrying around with him a portable "Reno" (including Harold's Club) and you have to show the color of your money before you can enter.

Stopping at a popular night club near the hospital for a bed-time nip, I was wondering whether "MGM" Zeigler was working there as a bartender or not. I guess that when he left the base he forgot to remove his apron, because printed all over the apron was "Property of USNH." I believe that was just in case he got lost, the person who found him would know where to return him.

If you should ever happen to bump into A.K. (Kissing Bandit) Hunter, be sure and ask him how he is making out with the women. I use a handkerchief to wipe the lipstick off, but you should see the inside of that guy's hat!! He has enough lipstick there to supply every WAVE on the base with a year's supply.

My interview of the week was with J. B. Lowry. The question I asked of him was how he liked night duty. "Ah, it's alright," was his academic reply, "But those darned goldfish in the nurses' office keep me awake all night." After finding that he is on Ward 51A, I could understand his answer.

The other morning, about 0300,

most of the others in my dorm were awakened when this strange conversation took place.

"Lesh go out un have some fun."
"But none of the buses are running."

"Thash all ri', we kun take uh taxi."
"But we haven't enough money for a taxi."

"Then we'll jusht take a bus."
From the grapevine I've learned that the person who was so hot for taking a taxi was none other than "Surgery 2" Blunier.

I believe that I have now seen everything life can possibly give me. The other night "Whitey" Campbell waited in a long line to buy a ticket to the movie. After purchasing his ticket, he handed it to the doorman, watched while he tore it in half, and then took off for parts unknown. I know what you readers are thinking, but will someone please tell me what he was thinking of?

Another thing that makes the cashier in the ship's service theatre go batty is the following little incident. I shall not mention the party's name to save them some explaining to the NP doctors (besides, I don't know it). Anyway, this certain party went to the cashier's cage and asked for "twelve cents worth of tickets." Dah, which way did they go, George, which way did they go?

I know this is a bit late and not news any more, but the medal of the week goes to "Rembrandt" Martin for the wonderful job that he did on drawing and designing the Christmas decorations on Ward 66. It is a must for all art lovers.

Things that will never happen: One corpsman admitting that another corpsman works harder than he does.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 1 January
THE HASTY HEART (Comedy-Drama) with Ronald Reagan, Patricia Neal, and Richard Todd. "Richard Todd is an unhappy, distrustful yet proud Scotsman who is about to die but who never learns of his fate until, time running out, he is told the truth. Five invalided men—an American, a New Zealander, a London Cockney, an Australian and a Basuto Negro are entrusted with the assignment of making his remaining days as comfortable and as happy as possible. He finally learns the truth and reverts to his original distrust and bitterness. Locale of the story is Burma during the last war. Finally convinced by his companions that their deeds toward him are out of true friendship and not pity, the film ends on a happy note, temporarily overshadowing the impending tragedy." Warner Brothers, 99 minutes.

Monday, 2 January
GREEN GRASS OF WYOMING (A replay with no available information) with Peggy Cummins, Lloyd Nolan, Charles Coburn, and Burl Ives. 20th Century-Fox, 88 minutes.

Tuesday, 3 January
ALWAYS LEAVE THEM LAUGHING (Comedy) with Milton Berle, Virginia Mayo, Ruth Roman, and Bert Lahr. "Showing little fear of giving television a plug, the film opens with a pan shot of Berle's video show and from then on does a flashback to his career. Everything is included; the time he started in a summer hotel working for room and board; his struggle up the ladder, always the brash, cocky Broadway character disliked for using other people's material; his chance at the big time when Bert Lahr is stricken, and when he has established himself as a star." Warner Brothers, 116 minutes.

Wednesday, 4 January
MARY RYAN, DETECTIVE (Melodrama) with Marsha Hunt, John Litel, and June Vincent. "Marsha Hunt as the sleuth who is given the assignment of breaking up a ring of jewel thieves and 'fences.' After posing in the cell of one of the women suspects as another convict, she soon becomes a 'member' of the gang, and after a series of exciting sequences, everything is straightened out." Columbia, 67 minutes.

The Sporting Scene

By Armed Forces Press Service

YEAR-END REVIEW

The last "i" had been dotted.
Old Man 1949 relaxed in his chair and breathed a sigh of relief. He had made the last entry in his "Sports Log" for the year. Now he had only wait for Infant 1950 to relieve him. And, as he waited, his mind flashed back to the outstanding events so vividly portrayed in the book before him.

The suspense-packed pennant races, up to the last, in the two major leagues. . . . The heart-warming drama of an injury-ridden Yankee team, possessed with unbelievable spirit, prime factor in carrying them to another World Championship. . . . Ailing Joe DiMaggio, highest paid player in baseball history, whose courage epitomized the Yanks' do-or-die spirit.

Moments of sadness—when Col. Matt Winn, Mr. Kentucky Derby, died shortly after staging the Diamond Jubilee of the Run for the Roses. . . . death of Marcel Cerdan, pride of France, in an airplane crash enroute to U. S.

The poor boxing picture highlighted by—the Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott waltz-a-thon for the NBA-sponsored heavyweight championship. . . . The bout in which Willie Pep regained his featherweight title from Sandy Saddler (one of the better fights of the year). . . . How Joe Louis launched a Bum-of-the-Week so-called exhibition tour (Kayoing Pat Valentino with ten ounce gloves). . . . Rocky Graziano being reinstated and making his debut at the expense of Charley Fusari.

And in other sports—the rival pro basketball leagues' consolidation into the National Basketball Association. . . . Warring pro football loops trying one more costly season before finally settling their differences and merging into a 13-team outfit. . . . How in college basketball, San Francisco was a surprise winner in the Invitational tourney and Kentucky had to be satisfied with only the NCAA title. . . . Pancho Gonzales winning the National Amateur title for the second straight year, then turning pro. . . . The U. S. successfully defending the Davis Cup.

The erratic football season which concluded with only four unbeaten, untied teams. . . . Army giving Navy its worst beating in history of series, 38-0. . . . Notre Dame stretching its string to 38 games. . . . The platoon system again under fire. . . . How Miss

Thursday, 5 January
MRS. MIKE (Drama) with Dick Powell, Evelyn Keyes, and J. M. Kerrigan. "Powell is a Northwest Mounted Policeman who marries a Boston girl and takes her to live in the wilderness of Canada. She finds it difficult to adjust herself in the desolate area. When she is to have a baby he decides it would be safer to move to a more populated area. There she becomes aware of the futility of the area in which she lives. A diphtheria epidemic takes the life of their child and they return to their original cabin in the wilderness determined to stay whatever comes in their future." United Artists, 98 minutes.

Friday, 6 January
CAPTAIN CHINA (Adventure Story) with John Payne, Gail Russell, Jeffrey Lynn, and Robert Armstrong. "John Payne is attempting to prove his innocence in the loss of his ship. As a passenger he books passage on another ship commanded by his former first officer, Jeffrey Lynn. A three-cornered romance develops when Gail Russell enters the picture. Payne is vindicated when the ship runs into a typhoon and the incompetent Lynn begs for aid in bringing the ship through safely. In return he promises to reveal the true story of how Payne's ship was lost." Paramount, 97 minutes.

Saturday, 7 January
CASS TIMBERLANE (A replay with no available information) with Spencer Tracy and Lana Turner. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, 119 minutes.

Tilly won Hambletonian in straight heats. . . . And Lloyd Mangrum copied the Tam O'Shanter. . . . While Potter was the surprise winner of the Derby. . . . The failure of Shirley M. France, channel swimmer. . . . The fact that Bobby Locke was blacklisted by PGA. . . . The fine showing of U. S. track and field team which won the "Little Olympics". . . . How Wil Bill Cantrell shattered records in speed boat racing. . . . The day Lou Appling, White Sox shortstop, set a record for number of games played. . . . The gasps at Gertrude "Guss" Moran's lace-edged panties in Wimbledon Tennis tourney. . . . The news that Bill Veeck had sold the Cleveland Indians. . . . The cheers when Bill Holland won the Speedway with a new record of 121.327 mph.

Yes, the "Log Book of Sports," circa 1949, had been jam-packed with action. And, with Americans epitomizing their innate sense of sportsmanship and competition by rabid following of their selected teams and competitors, the year 1950 gave promise of even more thrills and displays of prowess.

Red Cross Ramblings

(Continued from page 2)

sang with the choir. A real inspiration!

CAPTAIN and MRS. COOK, the son, granddaughter and doll greeting the patients on Christmas morning at the mess hall.

LEO DE LION, headliner at the Orpheum, who called the Red Cross the day before Christmas saying "I'm an ex-navy guy myself and was hospitalized at Halloran in New York. I want to come out and play for the boys!" Did he? Ask the patients on 5 and several other wards where he entertained ALL afternoon and evening. His pretty wife came, too.

Succulent candy canes for every patient from the Oakland DE. MO. LAY and the many other generous contributions from individuals and organizations.

The fine baritone voice of the brother of HARRY GETAS, veteran Ward 41A. He entertained in other wards, too, when the word got around!

The personal Christmas greeting that GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL, president of the American Red Cross, sent to each Red Cross staff member.

And from all of us to you—
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome and Farewell

Three persons were detached from this Command during the week of 21-28 December. Those being detached were: LT Bertha M. Davis to Naval Station, Tongue Point, Oregon; LT Virginia C. Quimby to civilian life; and Wilfred D. McLain, HMC, to Naval Communication Station, Dixon, California.



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Saturday, 7 January, 1950

Old MAA Shack To House Archives

The old Inside MAA shack has at last relented and allowed the last bit of memory to desert its once sacred premises. Over two weeks ago, the Public Works department was authorized to give it a face-lifting and make it habitable for Archives and the thousands of records which belong to that department.

Formerly housed in Building 132, Archives will assume occupancy as soon as practicable, thus allowing the Record Office more ready access to the files. The long trek now necessary has long been a source of irritation to those who had to obtain the Records from, and return them to, the building across the compound.

Topside from the Record Office, in the Administration Building, other changes are being made. The Oak Leaf, formerly between the Exec's office and the Administrative Assistant's, has been moved across the passageway to share an office with Organization, making that department momentarily one of the most disorganized on the compound. The space vacated by the paper will soon be occupied by a secretary to the Executive Officer. A light green paint has been applied to the walls to give a bright new interior.

Trio of Babies Greets New Year

1949 was already just a memory, and the new year was seven hours and 50 minutes old when Marguerite Wheadon presented her husband, Johnny, with their first born, a girl, weighing five pounds, six ounces. Noelyn Bethalle has the distinction of being the very first baby born in 1950 at U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland. The proud papa is an AA, stationed at NAS, Alameda.

The second baby, a boy, was born to Shirley and John Jolly. He is sure to be a future heavyweight champion or All-American football star, since he started off with a rugged nine pounds. Born at 1010, his name is John William. Chief and Mrs. Jolly have two other children, three years, and 19 months, both girls.

Last of the trio of New Year Babies is Cindy Jo Moldenhauer, who was born at 1059 and weighed seven pounds, eight ounces. Her parents are Frances and Adelbert C. He is an ADC (NAP) stationed at Alameda.

Officers Turn Out to Welcome New Year



New Year's Eve at the Officer's Club was a gay affair with 180 staff members and guests attending. The party began with cocktails, continued with dinner and dancing and was climaxed at 0100 by the serving of a shrimp creole supper. Music for the dancing was provided by Bud Williams' seven-piece orchestra, whose strolling troubadours also entertained during dinner with trumpet, accordion, and guitar numbers.

Among the celebrators were (1) Left to right, Cozie Evans, Bill Cook, son of Captain and Mrs. S. S. Cook; Otto Wickstrom, Jr., son of Captain and Mrs. Wickstrom; Persis Gehring, daughter of Captain and Mrs. E. H. Dickinson; Mrs. Milton Wirthlin, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Coy Abernethy, Captain Abernethy, Joan Kreiger, and Bob Wirthlin, son of Captain and Mrs. Wirthlin. Recognizable in the background are LTJG and Mrs. John W. Howard and Captain Wirthlin.

In photo (2) LTJG Ronald G. Slater and Gloria Benson chat with LTJG and Mrs. David C. Beer. In (3) LCDR Earl C. Spencer, Commissary Officer, whose staff was responsible for preparation of food served at the party, relaxes with Mrs. Spencer, and at the right in (4) LTJG Edmund H. Lange, DC, and ENS Nieves Arano, took time out from dancing to pose for the photographer.

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WARD 73B STAFF COMMENDED

16 December, 1949

Medical Officer in Command
U. S. Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll
Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

My wife, Mrs. Mildred E. Brown, was discharged from Ward 73B, U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, on 13 December, 1949, following the birth of a daughter, Sally Anne Brown.

My wife received prenatal care from Dr. Pease and actual delivery, with very little time to spare, was performed by Dr. Frank.

It is a most pleasant task to heartily commend the services of Drs. Pease and Frank, as well as Nurses Vitillo and Adams, the latter being, I believe, associated with the Red Cross. The services rendered from the time of admission as a pre-natal patient through delivery, hospitalization, and ultimate discharge, were of the very finest. Nothing was left undone in the matter of professional attention, and all services, on behalf of doctors, nurses, corpsmen and attendants, were rendered with the greatest courtesy.

Will you be so kind as to extend the profound gratitude of myself and my wife to all of your personnel?

Most sincerely,

E. N. BROWN

Commander (SC) USN

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Jesus was an advocate of and an example of unselfish love, and a firm believer that it and it alone could solve all the ills of the world. He told a story once about the sort of love He exemplified and advocated. A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves. They beat him, robbed him and left him half dead beside the road. By chance a priest came by and when he saw him, passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite when he saw the place, came and looked on him and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan when he came to the place saw the man and had compassion on him. He bound up his wounds, set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day when he departed he took out two pence and gave them to the host and said, "Take care of him and if you spend more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

Charles R. Brown, famous Yale teacher and preacher, used to say that this story reveals that Jesus knew the kind of men in this world. There are those like the priest and the Levite, whose philosophy is, "What's mine is mine and I'll keep it." There are those like the thief who say, "What is yours is mine and I'll take it." There are those like the innkeeper who say, "What's mine is yours if you can pay for it." And finally, there are those like the Samaritan who say, "What is mine is ours, we'll share it."

Jesus believed not only that the world needed that sort of love as shown by the Samaritan, but that it was the only way that we could show God that we love Him. Hence the close connection between His two great commandments—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and mind and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." Hence the Golden Rule—"Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you."

ROBERT F. McCOMAS
Chaplain, USN

★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—
Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.
Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

Dear Zelma,

Here I am—still at Oak Knoll. I never thought that when I left home for the life of a Red Cross recreation worker that I'd be here in 1950! Imagine.

Well, funny things happen, too. The other night I met a fellow on the compound when I was on the way to the wards and he looked a little strange, sort of silvery, but then it was a bright moonlight night anyway.

So he said, "Are you the Red Cross?"

"Yes," I said, "Could I direct you somewhere—are you a patient?"

"No," he answered, "I just got in from the Moon. First trip, in fact. My U-239 point 7 pocket adapter worked just fine with no hasseling around in interstellar space!"

"Oh, you've been playing games!" I observed brightly. "The Red Cross has lots and lots of them, and cards, and puzzles, and arts and crafts, and musical instruments and records, not to speak of —"

"Lady," he said patiently, "Tell me something. Is this the Ends of the Earth?"

"Certainly NOT!" I answered indignantly. "This is the finest hospital in the United States and it's in the midst of thriving communities, Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda where our wonderful volunteers come from. The Red Cross Gray Ladies of Oak Knoll are practically famous, and the Motor Corps, Production and Supply, Entertainment and Instruction, Canteen Service, Home Service, besides all of the—"

"Must have missed my landing by at least 3 milledrips," he muttered. "Besides my initial PPHLT is getting a little low, so I have to start back pretty soon."

"Oh, that's too bad," I said. "Is everything all right at home—do they need any help? If you really have cause to worry the Red Cross can send a wire, and find out how things are. Then if it's really an emergency the social worker will help you arrange transportation, and if you're broke—"

There was a strange popping sound like a champagne cork and I was alone in the cold silvery moonlight. So I hurried on to that nice warm ward.

No, honestly Zelma, I'm not kidding and it wasn't the holidays either.

Write soon, love,
PENELOPE

Officers' Wives to Meet At NAS Alameda

First event of the New Year for Oak Knoll Officers' Wives will be a luncheon at the Snack Bar of the Alameda Officers' Club at 1 o'clock, Wednesday, 11 January.

All Officers' Wives at this station are invited to come and bring their guests. For reservations, call Mrs. Jack C. McCurdy at Lockhaven 8-8807 no later than Monday.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

25 December

FRANKLIN, Carol Lorraine, to wife of Francis Franklin, ETC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

THARPE, Michael David, to wife of John Tharpe, YN3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

STOWELL, Patricia Ann, to wife of John Stowell, SGT, 6 pounds, 12 1/4 ounces.

CHRISTOPHERSON, Raymond Charles, to wife of Darrell Christopherson, ME2, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

WRIGHT, Eugenia Margaret, to wife of Max Wright, RMC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

26 December

CHANTINY, Gene Francis, to wife of Francis Chantiny, ALC, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

27 December

PAYNE, Richard Lee, to wife of Olin A. Payne, ADC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

PELOQUIN, Charleen Jo, to wife of Ferdinand Pelouquin, Ch.PCLK, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

CORNER, Gregory Douglas, to wife of George Corner, SK1, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

RYBOLT, Boy, to wife of Denzel Rybolt, AD1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

REZEK, Barbara Kevin, to wife of John Rezek, AL1, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

28 December

GAUDET, Jean Ann, to wife of Edwin Gaudet, S/SGT, 7 pounds.

MABEE, Patricia Louise, to wife of Richard Mabee, LTJG, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

McFARLAND, Nancy Mae, to wife of E. win McFarland, BT2, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

KAIHEWELU, Boy, to wife of David Kaihewelu, FN, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

BROYLES, James William, to wife of Charles Broyles, AMC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

LIPES, Steven Michael, to wife of Perc D. Lipes, EM3, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

CASKEY, Girl, to wife of Joseph Caskey, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

29 December

JOHNSON, Gordon Virgil, to wife of George Johnson, AD1, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

ROGERS, Thomas Clark III, to wife of Thomas Rogers, ADC, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

CLAYTON, Boy, to wife of Anthony Clayton, ADC, 8 pounds.

RYAN, Boy, to wife of John Ryan, LT, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

30 December

ROBINSON, Carolyn Elaine, to wife of Ulysses Robinson, SD3, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

HODGES, Susan May, to wife of William Hodges, LCDR, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

HOPKINS, Sherry Ann, to wife of Howard Hopkins, DT3, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

STANFIELD, Brian Wheeler, to wife of Henry Stanfield, CS2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

LEE, William Robert Cole, to wife of William Lee, YN2, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

NEUBAUER, Janet Louise, to wife of Merle Neubauer, MMC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

31 December

WRIGHT, Janet Fay, to wife of Albert Wright, AM1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

HOWER, Steven Alan, to wife of William Hower, ETSN, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

SUNDQUIST, Kristine Marie, to wife of Harry Sundquist, SKC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

In the Oak Leaf of 31 December, Jean Sharpe in her column "Wave's Woes," inadvertently credited J. M. Simms, HMC, with playing the organ for the Midnight Mass held on 25 December. It was in reality Miss Ann Weber, chapel organist.

Chuckles

Girl — "I don't see how football players ever get clean."

Female friend — "Silly, what do you suppose the scrub teams are for?"

Reporter—"What shall I say about all the peroxide blondes who made such a fuss at the game?"

Editor—"Say the bleachers went wild."

Father — "What was the hardest thing you learned at college?"

Son — "How to open beer bottles with a half-dollar."

The waiter laughed when I spoke to him in French. No wonder, it was my old prof.

Sailor's wife—"So you'll be back in four years, will you?"

Sailor—"Aye, but I may be a bit late on this trip."

Wife—"Well, if you are, don't let me have any of your old excuses about the ship going down and you having to walk home."

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Who's Who . . .

When asked what he did in his spare time, **Edward L. Dawson, HN**, of Photographic Arts answered, simply, "Nothing. Stay home."

Perhaps the former Oklahoman has something there. Certainly he must have thought it would be nice, else he never would have married his fireside mate, Janet. Married since October, 1949, Eddy at present resides in his private residence on Mountain Boulevard.

Since joining in 1947, Dawson has served at the usual three bases, arriving here in June of 1948. In addition to being an ardent basketball and hunting fan, he was a truck driver before he joined the Navy.

"Working nights at Transportation isn't as easy as everyone believes," says **Ernest L. Davidson, Jr., HN**, of that department,

"because, believe it or not, we don't just lie around and sleep or drink coffee. Sickness is something which refuses to obey time — daylight saving OR standard."

Collecting rare coins is his hobby, although, he hastens to explain, "Any coin is rare as far as I'm concerned."

After one year of college, **John Fortuna, HM3, NMAA**, decided to get a bit of action, and joined the Navy in his home state of Massachusetts. After boot camp, he was shipped out as an SA, but when he requested permission to strike for the Hospital Corps, his rate was transformed to read HA/2. He hopes to follow in his father's footsteps when he receives his discharge by becoming a doctor, but for now he is perfectly content with following his own favorite pastime of deer hunting — two legged deers, that is.

Easily understood are the frowns and glum expressions worn for the past week by **Ray J. Underwood, HA**, of Archives, when one learns that it was his home state of North Carolina that got drubbed by Rice in the Cotton Bowl on January 2.

Ray was born in Concord of that state and enlisted in Charlotte on 13 October 1948, after attending high school and clerking in his father's grocery store for two years. He arrived at Oak Knoll in April of last year.

Although football is his favorite sport, he also admires other athletic contests, such as marbles, ping-pong, and yo-yo twirling.



New fiction: KNIGHT'S GAMBIT, by Wm. Faulkner — Six stories of crime in the hill country of Mississippi. **IT'S A WISE CHILD**, by Anne Fisher — A hilarious comedy of fatherhood, told with engaging humor. **TO EVERY MAN A PENNY**, by Bruce Marshall — A gentle novel of the violent happenings in the world from 1914 to 1948 as seen by a humble French priest. **THE SHOW MUST GO ON**, by Elmer Rice — A successful novelist and dramatist combines his talents to relate the life story of a play, from the time an agent places it with a producer until it is closed after a successful Broadway run. **THE SCREAMING MIMI**, by Fredric Brown — A spine-chilling whodunit.

New non-fiction: HOME SWEET ZOO, by Clare Barnes — Did you enjoy laughing at White Collar Zoo? Then take a look at how your home life is satirized in these animal pictures. **YEAR 1949**, a pictorial history of this year. **WHY JESUS DIED**, by Pierre van Paassen — A sincerely religious recital of the life of Christ, also giving a clear portrayal of the world in which He lived. **FROM CAVE PAINTING TO COMIC STRIP**, by Lancelot Hogben — A scholarly exploration of man's efforts to communicate by means of pictures and recorded words. **DESPERATE MEN**, by James D. Horan — A fascinating account of the bank robbers, rustlers, horse thieves, and other outlaws who infested the West following the Civil War. Horan's material was taken from the sealed files of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency. **JOHN L. LEWIS**, by Saul Alinsky — This controversial biography of the labor leader, as told by an admirer, is sometimes prejudiced, sometimes impartial, yet is a very important piece of labor history. **HOW'S THE BACK VIEW COMING ALONG?** by Roy Williams — A collection of hilarious cartoons. **CALIFORNIA HERITAGE**, by Oscar Lewis — A beautifully written, profusely illustrated history of California. **THE RIFLE BOOK**, by Jack O'Connor — A thoroughly readable encyclopedia which covers the various types of rifles, how they work, stock design, cartridges, and how to use a rifle properly. **LINCOLN FINDS A GENERAL**, by Kenneth Williams — A scholarly yet readable study of the first three years of the Civil War as conducted by the generals of the North.

Welcome and Farewell

Two persons reported aboard and four were detached during the week of 28 December to 4 January. Those reporting were Edward S. Wiedman, HN, from El Toro, California, and LTJG Julius H. Spence, from Bremerton, Washington.

Detached were: John E. Hickey, HM2, to Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield, Utah; LTJG Paul T. Luckenbill, LTJG Clayton B. Taylor, and LTJG Richard E. Jones, to Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific.



Ward activities resumed their normal pace this week as the holiday season ended. In this scene taken on Ward 71B, Willie J. Logan, TN, again takes up his weaving, while Mrs. Ann Ramlow, Red Cross personal service Gray Lady offers instruction. Lester Little, MM3, right, inspects Willie's workmanship.

Sailor Santa Claus; Friends Give Orphans Third Party

By Armed Forces Press Service

This is a post-Christmas story. It's a simple, heartwarming yarn about the generosity of officers and men at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md.—and of a young seaman who never forgot.

Joseph Peter Pestana, SN, USN, is an orphan. The orphanage operated by the Mission of the Immaculate Conception at Mount Loretto, Staten Island, in New York, had been his home for 13 years.

He remembered the meager Christmases as a child. None but a person who's spent his youth in an orphanage knows what it means to be remembered at that time—the "personal touch," he'll tell you.

Two years ago he decided to do something about it.

The 25-year-old sailor, as a self-appointed Santa Claus, distributed small cash donations, candy and toys to youngsters in one of the orphanage's cottages. In 1948, still from his own meager funds, he repeated the process.

This past Christmas season Pestana had a real problem. Instead of the smaller number of children to whom he'd played Santa Claus, he now had 74. That's a lot of good little boys to take care of at Christmas time for a seaman in the U. S. Navy.

Pestana, quiet and reticent by nature, discussed the matter with a buddy at Patuxent. Before he knew what was going on station personnel were calling on him in the ship's service tailor shop where he works. They didn't leave until they had left cash donations with him.

The entire project had been spread by word of mouth throughout the station. From the skipper on down to children of naval and civilian personnel the contributions poured in.

When the cash hit the \$100 mark, Pestana figured he should quit accepting it. But still it came.

Eventually there was enough to purchase a combination radio-phonograph set. In addition there was enough to get individual presents for

the 74 boys, between six and eight years. There still remained money for candy, a Christmas tree, the decorations—and all the other Yuletide accessories.

Pestana was overwhelmed. Women in the ship's service store wrapped the presents in gaily colored paper. The Navy contributed a Santa Claus suit. A buddy provided the transportation to New York.

To Pestana it was all convincing evidence that there is a Santa Claus. "They're all Santa Clauses," he says of his shipmates and NAS personnel.

12th ND Keglers Begin Monday

The Twelfth Naval District bowling league to establish credit toward the Commandant's Trophies will begin on Monday, 9 January, with matches being bowled every Monday at 1930.

A perpetual team trophy will be presented to the activity which the championship team represents, and individual awards will be made to the team members.

Oak Knoll will be represented by the following men who were chosen from the records they made on their teams in the station league:

J. W. Lynch, HM3, Laboratory
D. G. Sudbeck, HN, Laboratory
L. E. Canaday, HMC, Brace Shop
R. J. Connell, HM1, Pharmacy
R. B. Slater, LTJG, Officers
G. J. Huffman, HMC, Brace Shop
H. L. Francisco, CHPCLK, Property and Accounting.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 8 January

DEAR WIFE (Comedy) with William Holden, Joan Caulfield, Edward Arnold, and Mona Freeman. "Miss Caulfield and Holden are married. The story concerns itself with a primary race for a seat in the senate at Albany. Miss Freeman promotes Holden in opposition to her father." Paramount—88 minutes.

Monday, 9 January

YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME (A replay with no available information) with Jeanne Crain, Dan Daley, and Oscar Levant. 20th Century Fox—91 minutes.

Tuesday, 10 January

TENSION (Mystery) with Audrey Totter, Richard Basehart, Barry Sullivan, Cyd Charisse, and Lloyd Gough. "Basehart plays a serious-minded drugstore manager married to Audrey Totter, who betrays him continually. When she leaves him for high-living Gough, he has enough and is determined to murder Gough, but when he is ready to strike, loses nerve and motivation and abandons the idea. His wife shoots Gough after a quarrel and returns to him for protection. He gives her an alibi, unwillingly, because he is now in love with Cyd Charisse. He is implicated and jailed after his wife says he might have killed Gough. She finally attempts to frame him with the murder gun, but traps herself." MGM—95 minutes.

Wednesday, 11 January

GUN SMUGGLERS (Western) with Tim Holt (Not reviewed to date. A new release.) RKO—60 minutes.

Thursday, 12 January

SOUTH SEA SINNER (Another new release not reviewed to date) with Shelley Winters and MacDonald Carey. Universal—70 minutes.

Friday, 13 January

THERE'S A GIRL IN MY HEART (Musical) with Lee Bowman and Elyse Knox. "This picture explores the lives of people living on a New York tenement street at the turn of the century; the Irish cop, his tap dancing daughter, his music hall wife; the German professor of music and his singing daughter; the Italian restaurateur; the struggling young doctor; the saloon keeper; the ward heeler; the kind priest. Their problems are small, mainly those of misunderstanding; and the biggest is that of Lee Bowman, who plans to sell out his neighbors to erect a fight arena. He meets Miss Knox and there is a change in his dishonest intention of buying up the property." Monogram—86 minutes.

Saturday, 14 January

HAZARD (A replay with no available information) with Paulette Goddard and MacDonald Carey. Paramount—95 minutes.

The HQC Beat

By MAC

Important notice! If anybody has an extra bar of soap would they please donate it to the "G. A. Widener fund"? It seems the poor guy is so short of soap that he has to use shaving cream to clean that kisser of his. By the way, is his complexion really green, or did some fiend slip him a cigar?

Question of the week . . . What is the difference between a crocodile and an alligator? Ah, Ha, I thought I'd catch you on that one. For the correct answer, contact "Frank Buck" Vernado, because from what he tells me, down in the You-All state of Louisiana, they use alligators to help with the house work.

Do you feel cold walking to and from the chow hall in the mornings? I think I have a solution to that problem for you. I've just seen some of the handiwork of "Purl one, knit two" Harris, and believe me, the scarfs that guy knits are beautiful. I'm willing to bet that for a small fee, he could knit you a wonderful sweater. If any WAVES read this column, I would like to go on record as saying that he would be a very handy man to have around the house.

Purple heart of the week goes to Roy Gage who, while in the line of duty, (taking down Christmas decorations, not getting bottles out of chandeliers) fell off a step ladder and is now of the patient status.

Thanks (and I use the word lightly) go to the "Corpsmen's Quartet" for the wonderful rendition they gave of "Sweet Adeline" and "Auld Lang Syne" over the PA system just before the lights went out. Thank goodness New Year's Eve comes just once a year.

I hope that my girl will never treat me the way C. R. Smith's is treating him. He has been receiving mail regularly, but written in a language very foreign to his American First lingo. If anyone knows what the word "PERATA" or the mystic symbols "W.U.L.T.K." mean, would they please inform Smitty of same. A hundred thoughts are running through his head, with the foremost a continuous hope that they mean love with a capital L.

I finally had definite proof that the New Year has arrived. "Whitey" Lundgren supplied it by struggling up the hill with his annual washing which he had just retrieved from the laundry. He should be happy, now.

Things that will never happen: Nobody putting in for special liberty.



Members of the Oak Knoll Pirates who will attempt to make as fine a record as the football team did are shown just before the 70-35 drubbing they took at the hands of the HQDP Marines. Taken in the gymnasium in San Leandro Hospital, the picture shows, First row, left to right, Johnny Carsten, J. C. Stevenson, "Mickey Summerlin, James Hatcher, J. Brandt, and Gordon Croft. Second row, Chaplain R. F. McComas, coach Claude "Ace" Johnson, Homer Doughty, Gerald Zilch, Kirby Anthony, Royce Cooper, Cliff Hodge, and Gerald Keene.

MARINES TRIP BUCS PIRATES DROP 6th TILT

Despite the absence of three of their better players, Headquarters, Department of the Pacific, Marines passed over, dribbled through, and waltzed past a disorganized quintet from Oak Knoll to the tune of 70 to 35 in the local gym on Monday, 3 January.

Led by their giant center, Charles Dickerson, and a fighting, slippery, dead-eye guard, Jim Haupt, the Marines were headed for a short time only after J. T. Brandt had put the Bucs ahead, 5 to 4 and 8 to 7. From then on till a merciful end, the Leathernecks had complete control of the ball game.

Clem Cahall started the scoring for the victors on a set-shot early in the game. Gerald Zilch tied it quickly, but Dickerson then put the Marines ahead again with the first of his 17 points. Cliff Hodge and J. T. Brandt put together a free throw and field goal to forge into the front of a 5 to 4 score. Larry Holland and Tom Hendrickson pushed the Marines ahead again, and Brandt retaliated with three quick points to enable the Bucs to lead for a brief period.

Although fighting gamely all the way, the Pirates weren't in the same class with the tall, tricky Leathernecks. Complete backboard control provided the winners three shots to the losers' one, and the local team's

slippery fingers—caused by sub-zero weather or post-New Year's fatigue—added materially to the Marines' chances.

Johnny Carsten again led the losers in the scoring column by sinking five field goals. Brandt ran a close second with nine points. Little J. C. Stevenson was another bright spot in the usual dreary parade of Pirates, being habitually in the middle of a fracas and Jim Hatcher at times gave a brilliant display of floor work.

This was the sixth loss in eight practice tilts for the locals. They have won the one league game played, and hope to do the same against the Moffett Field JayVees on Monday, 9 January on the opponent's court. Another practice game with Concordia College will be played on Friday, 12 January.

Five New Civilians Hired

Five new civilian personnel were added to Oak Knoll's census during the month of December, 1949.

Names of the new workers are Hazel Anderson (RN), now on duty on 72A, Samuel Carson, Levi Brown, Richard Green and Edward L. Cheek who are working in the Commissary

1949'S LOONEY LARCENY PARADE

Armed Forces Press Service

For the cops and robber boys, 1949 was a gay year with both sides of the law sharing in the zany antics.

Greediness was the downfall of many a star burglar. Take, for example, the Philadelphia felon who was caught stealing a 20-ton crane. Or the Phoenix professional who made off with a sign reading, "Dog for Sale," then came back the next day for the dog. And the Florida lad who swiped 23 alligators from a menagerie.

Smart sleuths were a match for the year's best crime addicts. Out in Mis-

souri, police tracked down the culprit who ransacked a grocery through one clue—his teethmarks. Seems the careless crook had munched on some cheese, then left the evidence behind. Moral: Don't eat on the job.

Police made the easiest capture of the year in Leeds, England, when they got a phone call from a man trapped in a clothing store. After the rescue, the bobbies wondered how he had gotten in, thought it over, and marched him off to jail.

Shrewd citizens made the cops' lot a happier one in '49. In Malibu, California, a woman's purse was snatched

from her parked car as she approached. When she picked up a familiar looking hitchhiker later she saw the light and drove to the nearest police station.

Of course, there were some who worked both sides of the game. Like the Tokyo cop who stole clothing from police headquarters. Or the Detroit policeman who was accused of lifting his fellow officers' lunches. But the candidate for sheriff in Indianapolis takes the cake. He got two years in prison for campaigning in a stolen automobile.

Oh, well, another year.



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The USAFI (United States Armed Forces Institute) "Campus on Wheels" stopped at Oak Knoll on Friday, 6 January for a seven-and-one-half-hour interval to boost enrollment in the USAFI correspondence courses and publicize the organization. A member of each service—Army, Navy, and Air

Force—was aboard. In the interior view above, Robert McCollum, YN3, the Navy's advisor and interviewer, talks with R. L. Venn, SA, a patient on Ward 61A. Others aboard the traveling institution of learning are H. L. Bailey, ME3, 61A; James Blain, HM3, staff; W. M. Hendry, HMC, who directs Educational Services at this station; and S. Cottom, HN, staff.

Polio Cash Divided; Half for Treatment, Half for Research

Here's what happens to the dimes and dollars you give to the March of Dimes which is being held this year from January 16 through 31:

Half remains with the local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It is used to pay for that part of medical care which a local patient's family cannot afford and, in emergencies, to supplement the national epidemic aid fund.

The other half is sent to national headquarters. It is used for research to find a means of preventing or curing the disease, education of highly-skilled and much-needed professional personnel and for epidemic aid to chapters whose local treasuries are exhausted.

However the money is distributed, all of it comes back in some form of benefit to the community in which it is raised. It comes back in improved treatment methods, trained personnel and cash when it is needed. Eventually, polio investigators say, it will come back in the form of a vaccine to protect mankind against infantile paralysis.

You can help assure every victim of this disease the adequate care he must have for as long as he needs it—by giving NOW, in increased amounts, to the 1950 MARCH OF DIMES.

Oak Knoll's goal has been set at \$700, Chaplain R. F. McComas, chairman of the drive at this base, has announced.

"In the recent Community Chest drive Oak Knoll went over the top. Let's give the same fine support to March of Dimes, the chaplain said.

Physical Evaluation Board Convenes Here

The Physical Evaluation Board for the Twelfth and Thirteenth Naval Districts began work this week in offices assigned to it in Building 133 of this hospital.

Created by the Career Compensation Act of 1949, the board's duties are, briefly, to evaluate the physical fitness of Navy, Marine Corps and reserve patients, judging their ability to perform the duties of their rank or rate, and in cases where discharge from the service is recommended, to rate their disability. The board is composed of five members, three of whom are non-medical, and one of whom must be a law specialist. Of the two medical members, one is a permanent member and the other

a specialist in the disease for which the patient is being treated. The group will meet every Tuesday and Friday to discuss cases ordered before it by the Chief of Naval Personnel and the Clinical Boards convened by Commanding Officers of Oakland, Mare Island and Bremerton Naval Hospitals.

Captain L. J. Johns, USN, District Legal Officer, is senior member of the board and Captain K. H. Vinnedge, head of this hospital's X-ray department, is senior medical member. LT R. J. Selman is recorder of the board and has charge of evidence production and appearance of witnesses and is responsible for keeping a record of all board proceedings.



This august group is the first of the Navy's Physical Evaluation Boards to convene in Building 133 to study cases referred to them by clinical boards of various hospitals in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Naval Districts. In the group, left to right, seated, are LCDR Cornelius J. Smits, Jr., USN; Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN; Captain L. J. Johns, USN, District Legal Officer and senior member of the board; Captain K. H. Vinnedge, senior medical member of the board; LCDR D. E. Kellum, SC, USN; standing, R. M. Thompson, HMC; Dorothy L. Matz, YN2, clerks; and LT R. J. Selman, recorder for the board.

Campus on Wheels Visits Oak Knoll to Enroll USAFI Classes

The USAFI's mobile unit, which has visited almost every military installation in the United States, spent last Friday at Oak Knoll. With it came a representative of each of the three branches of the service—Army, Navy, and Air Force. These men accompany the "traveling campus" as it tours the nation boosting USAFI and enrolling students in the diversified courses it offers.

Among the many advantages offered by USAFI is the General Educational Development test which determines a person's educational development level. The test, accepted toward high school graduation in some states, is always good while in service. That is, if a person makes a score equivalent to that of the average sophomore in college, he is, for in-service purposes, credited with a two-year college education.

The institute offers a correspondence course which counts toward a high school diploma and features academic courses such as English, history, and mathematics. It also gives training in auto mechanics, electricity, farming, and many other vocational activities. Manuals on these subjects may be obtained on a loan basis from the Educational Service Officer.

Now in the process of moving from Building 133 to Building 132, topside, this hospital's ESO, headed by LTJG D. R. Stutler, MSC, and under the immediate supervision of W. M. Hendry, HMC, is ready to supply information on any or all of the Institute's many services.

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Thrift—An American Tradition

Now, while 1950 is still new, is the time to start practicing thrift. Although the national budget may seem to belie this statement, thrift is a traditional American characteristic. It played an important role in building America and in helping it achieve its present greatness.

Thrift, which the dictionary defines as "the economical or careful management of one's money or resources," has never gone out of style. As a matter of fact, it's right in fashion now. Millions of American working men and women are practicing it regularly. They're buying Savings Bonds every payday through systematic Payroll Savings where they work. They're giving a practical demonstration that when you save through Payroll Savings you've made thrift a paying proposition.

Remember, Payroll Savings is SURE saving!

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

For our present purpose the word "Honor" is understood to signify "a sharp sense of what is right, just, and true, along with a way of life corresponding thereto"—(Webster). As such, the term stands for high minded character and a man of honor is one who has a sense of his obligations toward his fellow men.

All walks of life have a system of principles which its members strive to uphold. Any violation of such ideals immediately reflects not only upon the integrity of the individual, but also on the esteem in which the profession is held. People judge by externals and are often misled—such is the case when they jump from a particular premise and derive a universal conclusion. That's poor logic, now and always.

There was a time when it was considered necessary for an American whose integrity had been called into question to challenge his rival to a duel. This was known as an "affair of honor." Such a duel was often fought with a deadly weapon and at times resulted in death or serious injury to one or both of the participants. We no longer fight duels to settle problems of personal honor. To do so is forbidden by law. This does not imply a decreased interest in keeping our names or honor clean. Our courts today are busy with many cases, such as thefts, broken contracts and the like.

Honor deals with the practice of virtue, and it demands first of all, that we as individuals have certain principles of moral worth. It is said that there is honor among thieves. They do not "squeal on each other"; that's their code. They are friends with one another, but enemies to society. Their moral obligations of honor extend only to a small group; hence they share only a meager portion of honor, if any. Ideals must be rooted in a sense of what is right, just, and true, if we want to achieve honor.

"Honor" in the sense of high-minded character calls for three primary ingredients of personal morality; namely, keeping one's word—doing one's duty—and following through.

Since men include in their codes of honor the understanding that their word is their bond, many of the contracts today are verbal and written. A failure to keep one's word makes for poor business.

Conforming to ideals of what is just, right, and true is really performing of one's duty, another outward manifestation of honor.

"Following through" shows the courage and determination in you. An example of following through in spite of obstacles can be found in the life of John Augustus, a Bostonian, who a century ago, believed that something should be done to help both juvenile delinquents and older criminals, wherever possible, to become readjusted to honest and honorable living. John was frowned upon in police courts by many judges and lawyers. Some even accused him of obstructing justice. Nevertheless, John Augustus acted as counsel for prisoners; he went bail for them; he found homes for "dead end kiddies"; he started men and women anew in better lives. Today he is considered the founder of the parole system and the father of prison reforms.

FRANCIS J. KLASS—Catholic Chaplain

Red Cross Ramblings

HOUSING PROBLEM: Two well-known, but gilly, individuals had a very alarming experience on ward 75B a few months ago. In fact, their world crashed down about their ears and it made such a stupendous racket that everyone thought a blockbuster had landed! When the patients descended on the wreckage of the shattered aquarium and rescued the flopping little fish who had been so rudely unhoused, it proved a problem. The hospital Red Cross Disaster Committee immediately got on the job and found temporary housing for the unhappy pair in the fine, big library aquarium. This resulted in rather crowded quarters, because the library tenants already made every pebble and bubble count. Now MR. GEORGE GILMORE, veteran patient on ward 63B, has come forward with an offer to permanently house the two refugees in a fine new glass house with the latest in solar heat. Many thanks to Mr. Gilmore for his good-neighbor attitude!

"DEAR ZELMA: I was a little surprised at the tone of your answer to my letter. No, I'm perfectly all right. Why?

You should see the wonderful set of dishes I'm learning to make in our Red Cross Craft Shop on Monday nights from seven to nine. The family is going to be SO surprised—they'll hardly believe I made them. It's really easy!

The patients here are lucky because they can work in the Craft Shop five days a week and the Red Cross furnishes all materials. Monday evening the shop is also open for staff personnel as well as patients and the place really hums! All that fine wood-turning equipment, electric jig-saws, etc., really get a workout.

Lots of patients have found out that we have new models in now . . . racers, jeepsters, oil-tankers, destroyer escorts, submarines, and cruisers besides all the others. They're certainly cute! The models, that is. Other men do weaving, art work, leather and metalcraft, and it's amazing how quickly they learn how with Red Cross instruction. I still like my ceramic work best, though, and it's fun to use the glazes and kiln.

Just a quick note this time, Zelma, 'cause lunch time is just about over.

Love,

PENELOPE."

GOT A CAMERA? Any man (or woman) at Oak Knoll, patient or staff personnel, who owns or can borrow a camera and shoot some film has the chance of a lifetime right here at the hospital!

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

1 January
WHEADON, Baby Girl, to wife of Johnny Wheadon, AA, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
JOLLY, John Williams, to wife of Jolly, AMC, 9 pounds.
MOLDENHAUER, Cindy Jo, to wife of Adelbert Moldenhauer, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

2 January
PEREZ, Baby Girl, to wife of Jesse Perez, CS1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
PANDOLFI, Sharon Ann, to wife of Robert Pandolfi, Cpl, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
CHANDLER, Baby Girl, to wife of Chandler, SN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
HERRERA, Baby Boy, to wife of John Herrera, HM2, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
HARRIS, David Lee, to wife of Quitman Q. Harris, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
HOWARD, Robert John, to wife of Marvin S. Howard, BMC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

3 January
QUINLAN, Michael Raymond, to wife of Eugene A. Quinlan, AO2, 8 pounds.
BARNWELL, Patricia Lynne, to wife of John L. Barnwell, AE1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
PURVIS, Baby Girl, to wife of Owen Purvis, AL3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
VARLAS, Michael Paul, to wife of Frank Varlas, ET3, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
BROWN, Gerald Scott, to wife of Gerald Brown, ET3, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

4 January
McCUSKER, Nancy Colleen, to wife of Robert McCusker, S/Sgt, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

5 January
HIRE, Baby Boy, to wife of Robert Hires, TE3, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

6 January
CURTIS, John Paul, to wife of Fayne E. Curtis, ETC, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
ASHER, Lawrence Martin, to wife of Morris Asher, CS3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

7 January
JOHNSON, Anita Lee, to wife of Garth Johnson, DC2, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

GARCIA, Healy Jr., to wife of Healy Garcia, S/Sgt, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

SKIRLOCK, Leroy Jerome, to wife of Melvin Skirlock, FA, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

DEL ROSARIO, David, to wife of John Del Rosario, AM1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

8 January
STARK, Twin Baby Boys, to wife of Frank Stark, FCC, 4 pounds, 13 ounces, and 5 pounds, 1 ounce.

GOGUE, Darlene Marie, to wife of Robert Gogue, TN, 3 pounds, 9 ounces.

9 January
SHAMRO, Rosemary, to wife of Frank Shamro, AOC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

ROSETE, Angelo, to wife of Sese Rosete, TN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

If you want to utilize any of the excellent equipment in the Red Cross Dark Room, Building 102, (near the Lounge) contact Mrs. Uttrich, staff worker in charge of the Lounge and Music Room. There are enlargers, contact boxes and, of course, all paper and chemicals available. Also simple instruction on the use of the equipment.

THE LOUNGE AND MUSIC ROOM in addition to their other attractions have had quite a flare-up of interest in making phonograph records lately. Anyone interested in joining a "play reading club" (has no name yet) as practice for stage radio, or television work will have a lot of fun with these recordings. Ask staff-worker in Lounge about that, too!

Available next week—3 bedroom, furnished apartment for enlisted staff family. Santa Cruz Island Village. Call Mr. Griffiths, extension 180.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930

Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

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Who's Who . . .

Gordon W. Ellis, HN, of the Laboratory, small as he is, has earned a letter in every major high school sport, and after his enlistment expires he plans to capitalize on his athletic ability by attending college and becoming a coach.



"Shorty" joined the Navy in Stockton on 25 August 1947, came to Oak Knoll in April 1948 and on 17 September 1949 he married Marilyn Marple, whom he met on a blind date. The two now live at 880 107th Street, Oakland.

Eber Duck (Eber Douglas Richard, HN, of ENT) ain't never had the chance fer betterment which quite

some few 'a us has had, on accounta he's frum Texas. Now being frum Texas don't necusarily make somebody igerant, but bein' around all 'a them thar oyl wells makes a



guy feel like he don't need no eddy-cashun to git along in this here wurd.

Dicky Boy, bein' the same name they called him when he attended collitch afore joining the Navy on 27 June, 1948, was borned in Paris, (that's Texas) and spent sum considerable time in San Deigo afore coming north to Okie Knoll a year ago last Sunday.

Horsetrader Ed has turned his back on only one car, and that was purchased by Paul C. Tulley of ward 50B for the meager sum of 25 dollars—on terms, of course. Knowing the varied career of Tulley, it is easy to see why he can out-haggle an old hag-gler like Ed.

Born in Tacoma, Washington, Paul played tuba for a Dixie quartet, sailed in the Merchant Marine, and tore two pilings out of a 'Frisco dock while at the wheel of one of his vessels.

He joined the Navy in California in January of 1949 and arrived at Oak Knoll in December of the same year. "Where" he says, "I've been content to listen to my radio and records, during my spare time, and add to my collection of the latter."

Does anyone have a good, simple definition for the term "roughnecking in an oil field?"

Terry L. Tarrant, HM3, of the Cast Room, worked in that capacity before joining the Navy in 1947, but chooses not to elaborate on his experiences.

Born in Los Angeles, Terry journeyed to Amarillo for work and enlistment in the Navy, and after a short sojourn in San Diego, reported to Oak Knoll in March of 1948.



Waves' Woes

By JEAN SHARPE, HMI

Well, I'm at it again, but only because I sorta missed seeing my name in print last week.

Lou Moore is back from the Land of Oranges, having had a happy holiday in her home town, Pasadena. She actually seems pleased at being back among her old haunts and cronies. There are people who enjoy their jobs and make something special of them.

Kay Robinson, one of our She-Chiefs, has been laid up on 69A for a couple of weeks now, and we hope she will soon be back to duty. It's amazing how you can miss the quiet ones, too.

We welcome aboard Teresa Hawk, HMI, from the Dispensary at Moffett, where she was a familiar figure for some three years. I know how Terry must miss her old friends and the duty she had, but it's happened to all of us. Happily for her, her detail in OPD is in Peds with Doctor Kurzrok. That should take the edge off the howling babies, as there isn't a nicer, pleasanter doctor around. (Nope, he doesn't give me my quarterly marks.)

Laura Matz, YN2, imported from NAS for temporary duty on the Evaluation Board, is also a newcomer to quarters. I remember in the old days Pharmacist's Mates and Yeomen feuded like Martins and Coys. We used to run 'em out of the chow hall with our elaborate stories about gory operations, but we won't do that to Laura.

Kay Gass is now gracing OPD. Jenny Rhoades and Ferol Yearout have become bedpan commandos on 69A. Arlene Normington and Lucille Berstler are still on leave. I finally had the pleasure of meeting the reason for Ruthie Ford's smiles and blushes—Ray Tackett, a very nice young man who heartily agrees with me that he has fine taste in women.

Each New Year most publications print a list of outstanding personalities and achievements. I wanted to do this too, and I have some great ideas. However, that can lead to misunderstandings. So . . . I shall boil my choices down to one person. The fact that she just happens to be a WAVE is not my doing. I guess I know good stuff when I see it, no matter where. There are very few people who would have had the intestinal fortitude to see things through as well as this gal has. Handicapped by an injury resulting from an auto accident, suffering constantly from terrific headaches, she works tirelessly without gripes, and with many laughs. A lot of us could benefit by her example, but before I sound too preachy, I'll put away my soap box and present Julie Clouse with the Oscar for '49.

Doctor Gets Citation

LCDR Jack C. McCurdy, MC, USN, resident in surgery, this week received the Navy Unit Commendation ribbon and congratulations from the Commanding Officer.

The award came as recognition of Dr. McCurdy's service with the Twenty-Second Marines, Reinforced, Tactical Group One, Fifth Amphibious Corps. The Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy was given for that group's "outstanding heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault and capture of Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, from February 17 to 22, 1944."

Our Navy Wives

(This poem, read at the Officers' Wives' luncheon Wednesday at Alameda, made such a hit that it is reproduced here so that it may be clipped and saved for inspiration—or consolation.)

Who said that "Variety is the spice of Life?"

No doubt 'twas first said by a Navy Wife

For the poor girl never knows just where he's at—

AT home is wherever he parks his hat.

She moves every two years into new sets of quarters,

During which time she births sons and daughters.

She packs up to move to the plains of Nebraska,

Then orders are changed and they go to Alaska.

Her house may be a hut with no room for expansion,

It may be a tent or perhaps it's a mansion.

Then she uncrates the furniture in snows or in rains,

And lays the linoleum between labor pains.

She wrangles saw horses and builds all the beds,

Makes curtains of target cloth she last used for spreads.

And during each move—now isn't it strange?

The brats invariably catch mumps, measles or mange!

She no more than gets settled when she must dress up pretty,

And go to a party, and be charming and witty.

On every subject she must know how to discourse,

She must swim, ski, and never be nervous,

She must know songs and traditions of the Service.

She fast learns the dope on how HE won the War.

She jitterbugs with Lieutenants who always are glamorous—

Then waltzes with Captains who are usually amorous.

She must drink all concoctions, gin, whiskey and beer,

But—of course, moderately or she'll wreck his career.

He insists on economy, questions every stub,

Yet her house must be run like a hotel or club.

For she entertains at all hours, both early and late,

For any number of guests—eighty or eight.

The first of the month there is plenty of cash,

So she serves turkey and ham—but the last week it's hash.

She juggles the budget for his new tropical worsted,

Though the seams on her own outfit have bursted.

One year she does her own work and has a new baby,

The next she has servants and lives like a lady.

That there'll be a bank balance she has no assurance,

It all goes for likker and some damned insurance.

At an age to retire, he is still hale and hearty,

Fit as a fiddle, the life of the party.

While she is old and haggard, cranky and nervous—

Really a wreck after his thirty years service.

But even then when all's said and done,

She still believes that Navy Life's fun.

She has lived every minute—and why, good grief—

She'd have been bored with a barber or merchant chief.

But there's one fancy Medal, and Navy men wear it;

It's their Wives who should have it, THAT LEGION OF MERIT!

NSLI Checks to Start Rolling

Washington (AFPS)—"The middle of January," still remains the tentative date for mailing National Service Life Insurance policy dividend checks, the Veterans Administration has announced.

The VA also announced that at least 1,175,000 of the estimated 16 million World War II veterans eligible for the dividend payments have failed so far to file claims.

Veterans who have not filed applications, the VA states, are simply delaying the date they will receive their checks. Veterans can apply at any time, and the amount they receive on war-time insurance they hold or once held will not change with the delay. Interest earned on unclaimed dividends will revert to the VA insurance fund as profits.

At the present rate of filing, 1,500 a day, three years will elapse before all eligibles have claimed their share of the dividends.

A visitor from London, startled at night by the hoot of an owl asked, "What cawn that terrifying sound be?"

"It's an owl," his host explained.

"H'I know, but who's 'owling?"

Record Office Workers Get New Assignments



Edna Peters, left, and Twyla Stinson, members of the record office staff, had new jobs this week as the Physical Evaluation Board began its work here. Both will serve as transcribers for the board. They are pictured here with Edgar F. Jones, board reporter.

Thoughtful Friend — "Why don't you take the street car home, George?"

Drunk — "Shno ushe. My wife wouldn't let me keep it anyway."

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 15 January

AMBUSH (New issue not reviewed to date) with Robert Taylor, John Hodiak, and Arlene Dahl. MGM, 89 minutes.

Monday, 16 January

EMPEROR'S WALTZ (Technicolor Musical) with Bing Crosby and Rhonda Fleming. (This is a replay with no available information.) PARA, 106 minutes.

Tuesday, 17 January

TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH (New issue not reviewed to date) with Gregory Peck and Hugh Marlowe. Fox, 132 minutes.

Wednesday, 18 January

THE RUSTLERS (Western) with Tim Holt, Richard Martin, Lois Andrews, and Steve Brodie. "Tim Holt and Richard Martin are a couple of cow punchers who run into a cattle rustling situation while trying to land jobs. Martin makes a killing at the gambling saloon and finds that the money he has won is marked and was stolen by the saloon keeper from the ranchers. There is a sheriff in cahoots with the rustlers, a lot of chasing up and down canyons and it takes a little while for the heroes to clear themselves but everybody is happy by the time the sun sets on the final reel." RKO, 61 minutes.

Thursday, 19 January

UNDERTOWN (Crime Drama) with Scott Brady, John Russell, Dorothy Hart, and Bruce Bennett. "Scott Brady plays the hero who returns after seven years in the army, determined to quit the gambling racket and settle down running a vacationer's lodge in the west. Dorothy Hart plays Brady's double-crossing girl friend; John Russell takes the part of the villain; Bruce Bennett is a detective. Brady is framed for the murder of the head of a gambling syndicate but eludes the police long enough to find a few clues and bring the real villains to justice."

Friday, 20 January

FRANCIS (Comedy) with Donald O'Connor, Patricia Medina, Zazu Pitts, John McIntyre, and a "Talking Mule named Francis." "Donald O'Connor plays a second lieutenant in Burma. The Talking Mule, Francis, although he has a vast contempt for all officers, saves his life and takes pity on his bewildered inadequacy. Francis helps his new friend capture a Japanese observation post singlehanded, warn the command post of an enemy air raid, and indirectly, capture a beautiful girl spy. O'Connor is placed on a psychiatric ward when he insists on telling Intelligence he received his information from the mule. Eventually in desperation he persuades Francis to prove to the commanding general that he not only can talk but knows what he is talking about." UI, 91 minutes.

Saturday, 21 January

FOREIGN AFFAIR (Comedy of Post-War Germany) with John Lund, Jean Arthur, and Marlene Dietrich. "A replay with no available information." PARA, 116 minutes.

The HCO Beat

By MAC

Would you like to have someone play the piano for your wedding? We have "Archives" Chappel, who really knows how to tickle the ivories, to offer. His rates are very reasonable, and he plays for all sorts of sad activities such as weddings, women's birthdays, and reenlistment dates.

How observing can a person be? "SDT" Bostrom has been sleeping in the same dormitory for nigh onto two years, and he still doesn't know how to turn the lights off. (Ed's note: Mr. B, it is really quite simple, all you have to do is push a little button.) If any of you are wondering what the "SDT" means, ask Bostrom. He'll be glad to tell you.

The next little case I want to tell you about is a tragic case of a person who's been working (?) too hard lately. The other day, I saw "Scratch" Forrest walking around the compound singing and playing with his yo-yo. The only thing that has me worried is that the yo-yo was of the imaginative type.

Question of the week: How come we got up at 0545 instead of 0600 last week? Maybe "Lamplighter" Everhart was lonely and wanted to have some fun, but doesn't he realize that we corpsmen need our beauty sleep?

Everyone has heard of men giving their best girls flowers and corsages. Well, when H. E. Wells gives his girl a flower, he believes that any second hand, artificial rose that cost a dollar (new) which he bought for four-bits (with dust, of course) is just as good. Now, don't think that Romeo, Jr. is cheap, because that is what she wanted, so that is what she got.

Speaking of the Battle of the Sexes, Wha' Hoppen to Wave's Woes last week? Don't tell me Jeannie couldn't stand some competition and gave up in despair.

Would anyone like to see some grade A basketball, get transportation, and the best seats in the house all for free? Although the Pirates got off to a bad start, they have the promise of being a great team, and the season hasn't even really begun as yet. It is a great help to the team's morale to know that somebody in the stands is on their side. Let's get out en masse at the next game and support our team. If you would like to have more information about the transportation and the schedule of the team, give either Chaplain McComas or "The Oak Leaf" a buzz, and they will be more than glad to help you.

I'm dying of curiosity to know what the joke was that made "Horse Laugh" Baronie almost take the roof off the chow hall the other day. Anyone care to enlighten me?

Things that'll never hoppen . . . Finding a washing machine that works when you have a pile of laundry and a dime.

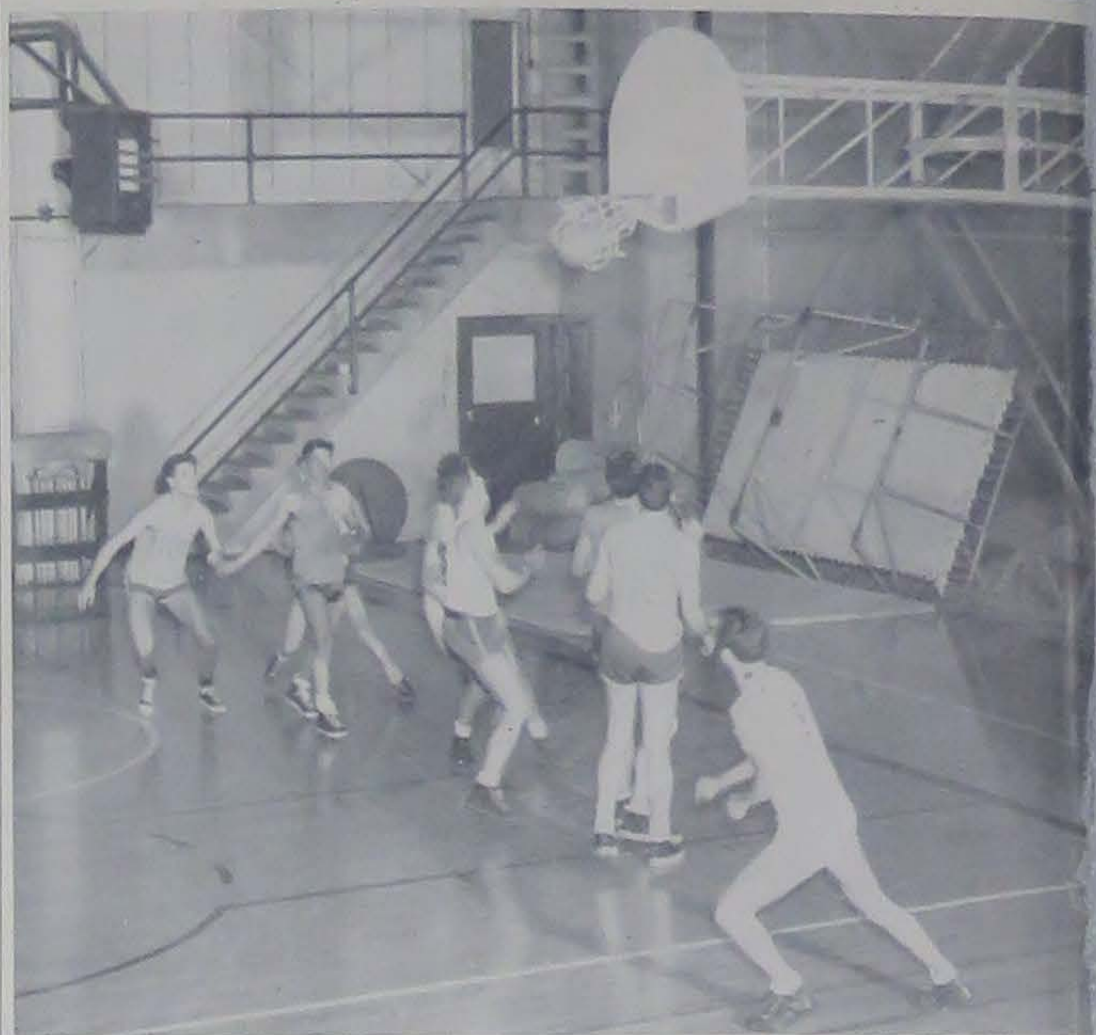
Drunk (to bartender)—"Hey, gimme a horshe's neck."

Second drunk—"I'll have a horshe's tail. No shense killing two horses."

Festive one—"Whash yer looking for?"

Policeman—"We're looking for a drowned man."

Drunk — "Whash yer want one for?"



All action ceases as the scoreboard rings up two points, the camera clicks and Gordon (Crafty) Croft prepares to go on the defensive after sinking a shot for the Oak Knoll Pirates. Crafty, center with side to camera, only made four points, but played a tight, heads-up ball game on both offense and defense. Others identifiable in the picture are Don McCormick, 13; Fred Furachi, 9; Croft; Don Poe, 10; and, getting a racer's start in case of a rebound, "Coop" Cooper, center for the Pirates.

Fliers Down Bucs

Pirates Edged 42-33

Having been beaten to, driven into, and knocked through the deck on previous occasions, the Oak Knoll Pirates found that by fighting all the way they could be lowered gently to the hardwood for the count. Such was the case Monday, January 9, when the Moffett Field Skymasters eased them down slowly by the fairly respectable score of 42 to 33.

Led by the game's high scorer, Johnny "Casaba King" Carsten, the Pirates fought gamely and grimly all the way, never willing to concede that this game should be lost; but inaccurate shooting, slippery fingers, and their old nemesis, lack of backboard control, proved insurmountable even with the do-or-die spirit displayed by the Knollites.

Skymaster Joe St. Leger, too, aided in smudging the Buc's record by sweeping the backboards clean with his long arms. Although he scored only nine points, St. Leger was the main cog in the wheels of victory as he set up the plays and flipped the recovered rebounds out to little Ralph Weinheimer for easy set shots.

Grabbing the lead at the toss-up when St. Leger tipped the ball to Paul Bath, who in turn tipped it to Bill Wallace for a lonely lay-in, the Skymasters didn't allow the Knollites within three points of their lead, didn't allow them to score until "Hatch" Hodge sank a free throw five minutes after the opening gun.

"Crafty" Croft sank a field goal almost immediately after and from that moment till the half, it was a close, exciting ball game, with each team trying desperately to pull away from the other. With Hodge, Carsten, Croft, and Johnson hitting, the Knollites managed to clip one point from the lead and make the score 19 to 14 at the half time.

It was not until late in the second period, however, that the Pirates could put together any sort of bid for the winner's crown. With the score 33 to 18 against them, the Bucs suddenly caught fire and made nine points as a final gesture of gameness.

Hatch began the attack with his second spectacular shot of the evening, a hook shot as he came under the basket. J. T. Brandt followed with an underhand lay-in, and "Coop" Cooper at last sank the difficult whirling hook shot from his center position. A free throw by "Coop" and one of the "Casaba King's" specialties, a fifteen foot set shot which literally flies over the net, ended the spree six points short of the desired mark.

Carsten again led the scoring with eleven points, but

Number 11



11 Points

Crafty Croft, J. T., and Hatch Hodge were outstanding in their floor work and general heads-up style of playing. Cooper, too, looked more like a ball player than a statue put on the floor to occupy space as he again and again challenged St. Leger's right to have a private estate on the backboard and began sinking, as well as trying the Dervish's hook.

The Knollites play their third league game Monday, 16 January when they meet the Naval Air Station at Alameda. The Fliers are the only undefeated players remaining in the league, and the Pirates will enter the fray with blood in their eyes.



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Now full-fledged Navy Nurses are these six, pictured with the Commanding Officer and their indoctrination instructor, LT Edna M. Stutler, NC (at right of Captain Cook). Arriving here on 2 December from Chicago, Seattle, Salem, Oregon; and Oakland, they have undergone six weeks' training in Naval Hospital ward routine, Naval procedure, swimming, and military drill. Reading from left to right, the nurses, all ensigns, are Dorothy J. Hanson, Charlene Yasuinas, Theodora M. Randall, Donna G. Horton, Madge Mahon, Margaret R. Smith. Another group of nine nurses is expected to arrive late this month for indoctrination, according to LCDR Rosalia Jorgenson, Senior Nurse Corps Officer.

Dr. Bloomfield Will Speak Here Tuesday

Dr. Arthur L. Bloomfield, Chief of the Medical Service at Stanford Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Stanford University Medical School, will speak here Tuesday evening at 7:30 on "Some Physiological Aspects of the Diagnosis of Gastro-Intestinal Disorders."

Other lectures on the calendar for medical officers under instruction are as follows: 31 January, "Protein Metabolism"—Dr. Harold Harper, Lecturer in Surgery at the University of California; 7 February, "Acid Base Balance"—Dr. Harper; 14 February, "Diagnosis of Early Uterine Cancer"—Dr. Herbert Traut, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at U. C.; 21 February, "Parenteral Nutrition"—Dr. Harper; and 28 February, "Human Genetics"—Professor Curt Stern of the Zoology Department, U. C.

Lectures are open to all medical officers in the Bay Area.

Stenographer, Typist Exams Coming Up

A Civil Service Examination for probational appointment to positions of stenographer and typist was announced by the Civil Service Commission on 16 January, 1950. Applications will be accepted until 6 February 1950.

Interested persons may obtain the required forms from the Civilian Personnel Office.

New Patient Startles Staff

The Dependent Service admitting office staff is quite accustomed to checking in new patients, but they were somewhat startled on 12 January at 0600 to receive one as new as Sherryl Ann Christoffersen. As a matter of fact even Sherryl's mother was surprised when her 8 pound 11 ounce daughter appeared without benefit of the delivery room.

According to latest reports, the baby has since been behaving in a conventional manner. Both she and her mother, Dorothea, are doing nicely, as is the father, Phil Christoffersen, CS1, stationed at Treasure Island.

LTJG Konstantin Geocaris was in attendance when the baby arrived.

Knoll Nurses Make Tribune Headlines

Oak Knoll nurses made headlines Sunday, when the Oakland Tribune carried a full page of pictures showing a recent group of Nurse Corps Officers being indoctrinated.

ENS Dorothy Iverson was featured in the series, which showed her arrival at quarters, the ceremony that took place when she was sworn in by Captain Cook, and her first uniform fitting.

Larry Capelli's Music For Station Dance

A treat is in store for both patients and staff Wednesday night when Larry Capelli, saxophone virtuoso, brings his organization of sixteen stars to the Oak Knoll auditorium to play for an evening of dancing.

Larry Capelli was for years a featured soloist with such name bands as those of Henry Busse, Joe Reichman, and Henry King, and has finally "arrived" with the organization of his own band, a versatile group with a wide repertoire of the best dance music. A major attraction for the evening will be the vocalizing of lovely Polly Pritchard of radio and television fame.

Hours for the dance are 2000 to 2300, and refreshments will be served. The party will be sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Department.

Judge Knew Score Made Pilot Sore

Chicago (AFPS)—Not so long ago a 20-year-old pilot maneuvered his light airplane over a football field and yelled out to spectators:

"What's the score?"

Nine days later he found out. Richard Crockett learned from Judge James Corcoran during the low-flying charge hearing:

"The score is \$100 and costs."

Aid of All Hands Asked for 1950 March of Dimes

Oak Knoll's March of Dimes got under way this week as the Commanding Officer appointed a committee of staff officers, enlisted men, and civilians to serve with LCDR R. F. McComas, ChC, chairman of the drive.

Those who will help to collect funds for the fight against polio are LT Robert L. Rouen, MC, USN; LT Robert O. Harrison, MSC, USN; LTJG Konstantin Geocaris, MCR, USNR; LTJG Gordon H. Cooley, DC, USN; LT Angelica Vitillo, NC, USN; LT Alice Letherman, NC, USN; ENS Helen Kenyon, NC, USN; ENS Mary J. Wathen, NC, USN; ENS Betty J. Streeb, NC, USN; C. A. Weitz, HMC; R. L. Griffin, HMC, J. T. Brandt, HM2; J. P. Crovo, HM3; J. C. Stevenson, HN; D. B. Sumerlin, HN; T. R. Forrest, HA; G. A. Zilch, HA; Mrs. Marian Hanna, American Red Cross, T. R. Newsom and D. R. Britney, civilian staff.

Coin containers, this year shaped like miniature iron lungs, have been placed at strategic points around the compound, where all may have an opportunity to give.

Infantile paralysis delivered a "one-two" punch to the nation in the past two years and, as a result, March of Dimes funds face the greatest need in history, Chaplain McComas said Wednesday when he met with the committee.

In 1948 the case toll of 27,908 marked that year as the second worst polio year on record. A relatively light year was hoped for after that, but instead came 1949 with an all-time reported high of 40,000.

So widespread and intense was the 1949 epidemic that 40 states reported more cases than in 1948. Some states had ten times as many cases.

National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis chapters in state after state saw their funds completely wiped out in providing patient care. National headquarters of the polio-fighting organization sent in supplementary financial aid of over \$8,500,000 by mid-November, thus depleting its epidemic reserves.

POLIO AFTERMATH COSTLY

In the wake of an epidemic thousands are left who must receive medical care for months and years. This has caused an alarming drain on March of Dimes funds. The load is heavier today than it ever has been. Give generously to the 1950 March of Dimes, January 16-31, to meet the tremendous need.

The Oak Leaf

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

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Another "Well Done" For Oak Knoll

January 17, 1950

Dear Captain Cook:

General Underhill and I both tried to see you before I left on Monday afternoon, but you were in a board meeting.

I congratulated you on your wonderfully efficient command, and somehow, through you, I would like to thank all those who were so kind and courteous to me, during my stay. From the Captains who operated, right down the line to the nurses' aides and helpers, they couldn't have been more helpful and considerate. I honestly believe—and I say it most sincerely—I could not have had better care anywhere or at any price than I received at your hospital, and I thank one and all from the bottom of my heart for their large or small part in making my stay such a pleasant one. I can only tell you I **thoroughly enjoyed it**. Need a patient say more?

Most sincerely and gratefully,
Jeanette M. Underhill
1608 Acton Street,
Berkeley, Calif.

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Now that the month of January is over half gone, I wonder how many resolutions made at the beginning of the new year have been faithfully kept. Those who made them and broke them are more to be commended than those who made none, that is, if they made any real effort at all to live up to what they had promised themselves. Life should never be a static thing. We should continually be trying to go on from where we are to where we ought to be. In the game of life when you are stopped at the line of scrimmage, there is no hope for you unless you have guts enough to get up and try again. Dr. Earl Marlatt of Dallas said recently in a sermon, "Our job as Christians is to make the ideal real, to make the ought-to-be the is." There is no possibility of realization in this direction unless we resolve in one way or another to be better, in certain respects, tomorrow than we have been today. Ignore the man who makes light of your resolution-making, for without them no man can move ahead. When you fail, take stock of your failures. What have they cost you and those you love? How much better would it have been if you had kept faith with your better self? Having been honest in answering these questions then the next thing to do is to forget the past. There is no more you can do about it. It will do you no good to brood over it. Yesterday is gone, it's tomorrow that counts! Resolve again and make your resolutions worthy of the best that is in you. Don't be afraid to ask God for His help. If your resolutions are worthwhile, they are challenging enough to require His help. With His assistance your tomorrow can be different—the ideal can be approached—"the ought-to-be can be the is."

R. F. McCOMAS
Protestant Chaplain

★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.
Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

CHALLENGE! This Canasta bug has bitten a lot of patients and personnel at Oak Knoll within the last month or so. In fact, some of the boys have decided that they are pretty good at it—hot stuff, in fact!

The Canasta sessions at the Red Cross Lounge have increased, upon request, from one to two afternoons a week with plenty of individual games going on at the other times. Also, on the wards where pinochle, etc. (you guess what!) used to be the main card games, Canasta is increasing in favor.

Winners of recent competitions at the Lounge are, by partners, **P. H. Handley, EFSA, 42B** and **J. L. Ireland, SA, 70B**; **E. Morrissey**, veteran, 42A and **C. Tadege, TN, 62A**; **W. Patschorke, FN, 42A** and **C. Hopkins, HN, 62A**.

There has been considerable talk by some of these "champs" that they'd like to challenge a team from the WAVES, other patients, and staff! Any takers may contact Red Cross recreation or Mrs. Uttrich, staff worker at the Lounge. Remember that the Lounge offers both experienced and beginners sections—good competition and instruction!

MOST POPULAR HOBBY: Interest in Stamp Collecting is again zooming at this base. Thanks to the large number of excellent donations the Red Cross has received from clubs and individuals in the community, there are many fine stamps and the necessary equipment for both beginning and experienced collectors.

Some of the most active philatelists (yes, that means stamp collectors) are **Mr. Robert D. Hayes, 40B**, **W. A. Sparkman, HN, 43A**, **Miss Irma O. Cudd, LT, N.C., 66B**, **Charles E. Young, veteran, 49B**, **John Hopkins, Cpl., M.C., 42B**, and **Albert Chouinard, 54**. Sparkman has started his collection since he became a patient at this hospital and is making great strides in getting a good cross section of stamps. Later on he might decide to specialize. Young started during the war when he found a large number of valuable stamps in a cave on Okinawa, and his special interest is Chinese stamps. Chouinard's collection was a hand-me-down from his father to a brother to another brother to himself.

If you want to start this fascinating and valuable hobby, contact Miss Edmonds, Red Cross recreation. For those who have had some experience it is an excellent opportunity to increase your collection and talk 'n swap stamps with others.

ROLL DEM BONES: Next Monday night in the Lounge, Building 102, there will be a unique exhibition of fossils presented by Mr. Wesley Gordon, leader of the world's most exclusive Boys Club—The **Boy Paleontologists**. This group is from the Hayward High School and is limited to sixteen voting members. (Their story and several pictures will be featured in the American Magazine, Interesting People section, in the May or June issue.)

Everyone's invited to the Lounge on Monday night at 1900 to see and hear for yourself the story of these fascinating fossils and the tales of searching for them!

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

8 January

DAVIDSON, Teresa Elaine, to wife of Willis Davidson, HMC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
DAVIS, Rebecca Jane, to wife of John Davis, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

9 January

OLAZABA, David Allen, to wife of Antonio Olazaba, GM2, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
MEYERS, Christine Anne, to wife of John Meyers, Sgt., 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
McCAMMON, Baby Boys, to wife of Donald McCammon, AD2, 3 pounds, 2 ounces and 5 pounds, 2 ounces.

KIMBALL, Richard Harvey, to wife of Delbert Kimball, S/Sgt., 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
TRUBE, Brant Ray, to wife of Alfred Trube, LTJG, 9 pounds, 14 ounces.
McDONALD, Margaret Ann, to wife of Lester McDonald, LCDR, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

10 January

BEARDSLEY, Louise Antoinette, to wife of Francis Beardsley, SHCLK, 8 pounds, 12½ ounces.

HUDSON, Virginia Katherine, to wife of Robert Hudson, AT1, 7 pounds.
GOTTLIEB, Baby Girl, to wife of Edward Gottlieb, ATC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
WEBB, Kathleen Ann, to wife of Robert Webb, CS2, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

11 January

DETMAN, Suzen Terry, to wife of Herbert Detman, TD2, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
RITTIGERS, Baby Boy, to wife of Kenneth Rittgers, DKC, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
FORD, Kathy Lynn, to wife of Benjamin Ford, T/Sgt., 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

McKINLEY, Jacque Anne, to wife of Francis McKinley, MMC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
PETERS, Baby Boy, to wife of Edward Peters, Brig. Gen., 8 pounds, 10½ ounces.

12 January

CHRISTOFFERSON, Sherryl Ann, to wife of Phil Christofferson, CSI, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

TAYLOR, Baby Girl, to wife of Albert Taylor, SD3, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

DAMROW, Gary Williams, to wife of Julius Damrow, LCDR, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

13 January

CARTER, James Michael, to wife of Leroy Carter, AO1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

14 January

ANDERSON, Jerald Ronald, to wife of George Anderson, CS2, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
ROBERTS, Pamela Sue, to wife of Walter Roberts, SK2, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

BICKEL, Linda Lee, to wife of George Bickel, AM2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

MUSZYNSKI, Genevieve Johanna, to wife of Robert Muszynski, SN, 4 pounds, 8 ounces.

U. S. Births Show Gain For 3rd Year in a Row

New York (AFPS)—The 1949 crop of babies in the U. S. totaled 3,700,000 according to a report recently released by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

It was the third successive year in which the number of births exceeded 3½ million, setting a record for the stork department.

The nation's death rate was 9.7 per 1,000, or two per cent lower than the previous minimum set in 1948.

Welcome and Farewell

Eleven new staff members reported aboard and seven were transferred from this base during the transfer period ending on 18 January. Those transferred were Captain Harry Oard to USNH, St. Albans, New York; Donald R. Crelia, HM3, to Mare Island; William Wilson, HMC, to Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D.C.; Lt. Martha J. Meyers, and LTJG Marvin V. Finn to Mare Island.

Welcomed aboard were Robert Cowles, DT3, from Dental School, Bethesda, Maryland; John H. Leland, HM3, from USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Juan T. Carrido, SD, from Naval Supply Depot, Clearfield, Utah; Donald G. Allen, HN, from USNH, Corpus Christi, Texas; Robert W. Bigoness, HN, from Great Lakes, Illinois; WOHC Cecil J. Pearson from China Lake, California; and Edward L. Flentke, Dwight M. Adairson, Maxim D. Kyzer, Harvey Smith, and Jack Vanderberg, all HAs from Corps School, San Diego, California.

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Who's Who . . .

"Ceegareets and whuskey, and wild, wild women," are all that interest Bill Gerlits, HA, of 41A whenever he has a moment or two free of work . . . or so he says. All who have seen and heard him cavorting around the barracks will know this to be pure foolishness, however, for when his brain isn't making a deafening din thinking up jokes, his voice is resounding in the telling.



Born in Iowa City, Iowa, Bill brought plenty of that state's famous product west with him after he enlisted in June of 1948 and managed to save enough to entertain Oak Knoll for a short time, a very short time, following his arrival here in November of '48.

Asked what he does for a hobby, L. A. Dillard, HN, of commissary, answered, "Nothing special; I'll try anything once,"

which caused this reporter to wonder if he'd ever considered juggling nitroglycerine as a permanent, or temporary, hobby.



Dilly enlisted in his home town of Temple, Texas, in April of '48 and arrived at Oak Knoll on 2 October, 1948, "Where," he says, "if I'm not working or on liberty, I'm asleep—unless I can find a game of gin-rummy somewhere . . . I love that game."



Mr. and Mrs. Danny E. Yearout, staff WAVE and corpsman at this hospital are two people who will remember Corps School with fond memories for many years, because it was there they met and were married.

Ferol H. (Mrs. Yearout) lived in Montpelier, Vermont, and studied languages at Boston University before joining in her native city on 3 January, 1949. Her Boot Camp training was spent at Great Lakes Naval Training Center from which she was transferred to San Diego for her Corps training and, though she didn't know it at the time, marriage.

Danny E. (Mr. Yearout) lived in Knoxville, Tennessee and joined in that city on 22 November, 1948, after completing high school and working in a clothing store. His boot training was taken in San Diego.

Favorite sports of both reflect their respective locales since Ferol is partial to skiing and tennis, and Danny's favorites are football and swimming.

They were married on 8 July, 1949. After discharge they plan to live in Knoxville, where Danny can resume his work and Ferol can sit at home and indulge in her hobby of knitting.

Waves' Woes

By JEAN SHARPE, HMI

It's that time again, and the deadline stares me in the face as I sit here with nary a thought, as usual. There's a good book I could be reading, but, as the proverb so aptly puts it: "Procrastination is the thief of time." Or: "One of these days" is none of these days." So . . .

That bowling genius, Arlene Nornington is back from leave, and assigned to the appointment desk in O.P.D. Lucille Berstler came back at the same time, and is on duty in the Maternity ward, 73A. It is nice to have these girls with us again, especially since our playmates are turning into sickbay right and left. Besides Kay Robinson, we have Julie Clouse on 72A, and Lou Moore on 72B. We hope for a speedy recovery for all three.

Congratulations to Laura Matz for doing such a good job on the A to N test she took the other day. She is now eligible to go up for first class, and we'll be watching for that third red stripe.

Hobbies are interesting things to acquire, and most stimulating to morale. But perhaps some people overdo it. Now I know a girl who collects cars, as average characters collect postage stamps. And she can't even drive!

Dean Gamble, HN, of the OPD Business Office Gambles, is a very versatile and talented little feller. I think he's going all out for folk dancing these days. Included in his repertoire are: A Spanish Fandango . . . (very complicated) . . . a Russian "Gapook" . . . (very difficult) . . . and The March Militaire . . . (very funny). He'll gladly perform for anyone with slight coaxing.

We welcome Chief Canaday to our Out Patient Family Group, and hope he'll be very happy with us.

"Do well the duty that lies before you." That's what the Greeks said, a thousand years ago. Maybe I didn't do it so well, but I tried. Now I can go read my book. So-long for awhile.

P.S. Since I am leaving soon it is only fitting and proper that this column be willed to a successor. Considering the fact that the Male Department chooses to remain incognito, we think that two can play the same game. Next week the Mystery Miss will make her debut. You'll never guess. Women can keep secrets, too. I think.

Infantry Outfit Gets 'Rock of Marne' Gift

Fort Lewis, Wash. (AFPS)—The 38th Infantry Regiment, "The Rock of the Marne," recently received a one-ton boulder as a gift from the people of Chateau-Thierry, France.

The regiment earned its nickname by stopping a German drive at the Marne river during World War I. The stone will be polished and inscribed, and mounted in the regimental area here.

She: "Now that we are engaged, dear, you will give me a ring, won't you?"

He: "Of course, dear. Certainly. What's your number?"

Bewildered prof, looking at hairbrush: "Guess I need a shave."



It must have been the thrilling accounts he'd heard about tobogganing that led Richard L. (Tex) Bostwick to try it on the slippery sixteen-foot embankment of Oak Knoll's junior Grand Canyon last Monday.

Accompanied by Bill Gerlits, HA, 41A, Tex made the perilous descent in his '37 Dodge sedan after another passenger, B. A. Branson, had jumped from the untamed vehicle.

"We were on our way to chow from the quarters," Tex explained, "but when I pulled in to park, the brakes just weren't there."

"Nervous? No, I don't think any of us were nervous or scared . . . we didn't have time to be," he continued, "but when we started over, Gerlits made a mad lunge for the door and was pushed back by Branson, who was already on his way out."

The car went over the embankment at the foot of the walk leading to the chow hall at approximately 0645 and made a clear and straight path down the side before settling into two feet of silt and water that flowed through the ditch at the time. Luckily no damage was done except to the whites Gerlits and Bostwick were wearing as they climbed out of the car.

Asked how he planned to get the vehicle back on the road, the erstwhile driver of the car replied, "I don't. I sold it to Johnny Loveland and J. G. Scott for \$25."

Trustworthy Toupees For Cold Craniums

By Armed Forces Press Service

You 20-year men with receding hairlines (from front to rear, that is) now can take heart. The toupee has come into its own.

The previously prevalent annoying—and often embarrassing—imperfections of the manufactured cranial foliage have been overcome by science. Science, you must know, also contributed the airplane, the telephone and the key to the atom.

According to a New York man, Louis Feder, who for the past 35 years has probably run second only to mother nature in the matter of putting hair on the masculine cranium, developments in covering bald pates include:

1. Toupees almost impossible to detect (from front, side, rear or above).
2. Toupees that do not slip if the head is turned suddenly (as when you turn your head quickly to eye a pretty girl).
3. Toupees that can be worn in bed (and you can keep warm).
4. Toupees that neither water nor climate affects.
5. Toupees that can be styled to please the ladies (the crew cut is particularly appealing).

"Give me a match, Bill."

"Here ya' are."

"Well I'll be darned. I've forgotten my cigarettes."

"S too bad. Gimme back my match."

French Hospital Planned By Vets of Bulge Battle

New York (AFPS)—Veterans of the 75th Division, who participated in the Battle of the Bulge, are joining with other friends of the little French town of Charmes-sur-Moselle in plans for a Carnegie Hall concert to raise funds for a memorial hospital.

The town is still in ruins from war damage and lacks medical facilities.

Citizens of Charmes rebelled and forced the Germans out during the drive for the Rhine in 1944, holding nearby bridges for 24 hours. When the Germans recaptured the town they executed more than 100 of its young men in retaliation.

Navy Weather Central Moving to Alameda

The Navy Weather Central, which forecasts weather conditions for the entire Eastern Pacific area, will be moved from the Federal Office Building in San Francisco to Alameda Naval Air Station within the next three weeks.

The move is being made for reasons of efficiency, economy, and personnel, and will involve 26 officers and men.

The Central makes weather broadcasts twice daily and during storm conditions, makes four daily forecasts. The messages are received by Naval and merchant vessels from Canada to Mexico and hundreds of miles out to sea.

The activity is headed by Captain H. F. Traua, USN.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 22 January

MONTANA (Technicolor Western) with Errol Fynn, Alexis Smith, S. Z. Sakall, Douglas Kennedy, and James Brown. "The story concerns the attempts of sheep herders to move in on the grazing lands of Montana. The cattle barons are of the opinion that sheep spoil the land for cattle. Flynn, an Australian who emigrated to the U. S. with hundreds of sheep, encamps his stock at a line across which the cattle men have forbidden sheep to cross. There is an exciting stampede and gun fight and Flynn and his men finally win out." Warner Brothers—76 minutes.

Monday, 23 January

THE SEARCH (Postwar Drama of Misplaced Children in Germany) with Montgomery Clift and Aline MacMahon. "A replay with no available information." Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer—76 minutes.

Tuesday, 24 January

ALL THE KING'S MEN (Political Drama) with Broderick Crawford, Joanne Dru, John Ireland, Shepperd Strudwick, and John Derek. "Crawford is a small-time politician in a losing war against the local interests of crime and corruption. When a school building collapses, killing some of the children and confirming his accusations of grafted construction contracts, his political career is launched in earnest. He becomes governor with the aid of Ireland, a newspaperman. He gains more and more power, has his private army of police that destroys all opposition. Eventually he reaches the climax of his career with impeachment proceedings. However, he rides out this storm by bullying and blackmail, but is eventually murdered by a member of a prominent family he has destroyed." Columbia—109 minutes.

Wednesday, 25 January

NO MOVIE — PATIENT AND STAFF DANCE.

Thursday, 26 January

THE RUGGED O'RIOUDANS (Drama) with Michael Pate, Wendy Bibb, and John O'Mally. "Produced in Australia with Australian cast. The story deals with five brothers who homestead on a virgin plateau. Not only are they beset with the obstacles of nature but further difficulties come up in the form of romantic complications between two of the brothers and a girl in the party. Before the end all problems resolve themselves." Universal-International—78 minutes.

Friday, 27 January

BACKFIRE (Melodrama) with Viveca Lindfors, Edmund O'Brien, Virginia Mayo, and Dane Clark. "MacRae recovers from a series of operations in a veteran's hospital to learn that his pal, O'Brien, with whom he intended to buy a ranch, has disappeared under circumstances tending to suggest that he has committed a murder. Accompanied by his nurse, with whom he has fallen in love, MacRae follows a series of clues through a maze of melodramatic incidents, including three murders, to the rescue of O'Brien from a man who has engineered all the killings." Warner Brothers—91 minutes.

Saturday, 28 January

MY DEAR SECRETARY (A Replay Comedy with no available information) with Kirk Douglas and Laraine Day. Universal-American—94 minutes.

The HCO Beat

By MAC

Well, "One-Gun" Philpot's cowboy and Indian days ran short. It seems that the other day while shooting his way out of an ambush, he was captured by "Shining Badge" Hasson of the MAA tribe, who scalped him by making him clean down the battlefield, which happened to be dormitory A.

Boy, this Navy really goes far in trusting its men, especially "Rackets" Kratzer. One of his duties is transporting alcohol and whiskey from the Medical Storeroom to Pharmacy. The amazing thing is that all of the precious spirits get to their destination.

If any of you are interested in buying a second-hand airplane, I suggest you see "B-29" Hagar. He has a beautiful plane to sell. Only catch is that it's minus wings, stabilizer, wheels, and half the prop. With only these few details missing, he is willing to sell the plane to any sucker . . . er, I mean any air-minded young corpsman.

It seems "G. R." Ford is going around patting himself on the back. He has been in the Navy two years, has never seen his girl in all that time, yet hasn't received a "Dear John" from her. Boy, it must be his good looks or a case of true love.

The award of the week goes to "Whistler" Stevens. He whistles at women and gets thanked for it.

While we are on the subject of women, I may as well throw this one in. "Great Lover" Reddick has been stationed here for three weeks now, and in that time he has managed to get himself engaged three times. He is now talking about his new flame, and from the way he talks, I believe that he is caught in her trap.

If anyone complains about failing the seamanship test, the fact it was given on Friday the 13th is a good excuse.

THINGS THAT WILL NEVER HOPPON: H. H. Mass giving himself a ticket for illegal parking.

P&A Take Bowling Crown

Although they didn't have one man with a high enough average to place in the top five, P&A came through the recent inter-department bowling league with a record of 45 wins against seven defeats to annex the crown of that league for the second straight year.

Both the Brace Shop and Laboratory teams, who tied for second, had higher team averages, but the Property and Accounting teams had the skill when the time was ripe. Brace Shop had the highest team average with 151 and was followed by the Lab. with a 146 average. P&A was fourth on the list with a 133 average.

High man in the league was A. Aguirre, HN, of the X-Ray team with an average of 160 pins per game, with J. W. Lynch, HM3, Lab, 158, and L. E. Canaday, HMC, Brace Shop, 157 following. Aguirre also tied for individual high game honors with G. J. Huffman, HMC, Brace Shop, at 227.

H. J. Francisco, CHPCLK was high bowler for the winners, with an average of 155, and L. F. Betoney, HMC, was second on the merits of 152 pins bowled over every game.

Bucs Out of All Navy Basketball Tournament

The Pirates of Oak Knoll were dropped from the 12th Naval District All Navy Basketball Tournament Tuesday, 17 January by the Monterey Naval Air Station by the score of 58 to 32 after the Treasure Island Pirates had taken the initial step in that direction by downing the locals Monday, 60 to 24, at the Alameda NAS gymnasium, where the tournament is being held.

The tournament is a two-defeat method of selecting a team to represent the 12th Naval District in the All Navy Tournament to be held in Norfolk beginning on March 12, 1950.

In the first game, Monday, 16 January, a merciless T.I. quintet found an easy method of defeating a team—get the ball more often and score more often than the opposition. Led by their sharp-shooting forward "Galloping" Gerry with 20 points, the Pirates from Treasure Island were never headed or seriously threatened throughout the game.

Gerry started the scoring soon after the opening gun and with his giant center companion, Schlichting, and a little fiery guard, Bryant, aiding, ran the score to ten before "Crafty" Croft sank a field goal for the Knollites. Continuing to hit with a regularity bordering on boredom, the T.I. Casaba Crew pulled into a 37 to 13 half-time lead with nothing to block their efforts except an occasional burst of energy from one of the disheartened losers.

Gerry was high point man for the winners and Johnny Carsten led the losers with nine points. The Old

Chicken Coop was outstanding for the Knollites by holding the usually high scoring center, Schlichting, to eight points and keeping the rebounds in his possession.

Although the final score of 58 to 32 tends to show another runaway game, the Monterey NAS tilt Tuesday, 17 January was an exciting and almost controversial tilt at several points. By forsaking their fast break and forcing the Fliers to play a deliberate game in which practice doesn't count as much as patience and watchfulness, the Pirates almost won themselves a ball game.

The scoring was begun by "Red" Hanson for the Fliers two minutes after the opening and continued at that slow pace till the fourth quarter, when the tired Pirates just couldn't keep up any more. With Cooper and Hodge keeping the backboards under control, and Johnson and Hodge slowing the game down, the Bucs stayed within hailing distance throughout the first half.

With the score standing 25 to 13 against them as the second half began, the Knollites began potting free throws and field goals to pull within three points of the lead at 32 to 29 with seven minutes to go. From that moment on, however, it was a walk-away for the Fliers.

"Red" Hanson led the scoring with fourteen points with the Old Chicken Coop leading the losers with ten. Although he played a solid floor game, the Casaba King couldn't find the range. J. T. Brandt played his normal game, finding the basket for six points.



Pictured above are the members of the P&A team which took the championship for the intermural bowling league during the past season. Kneeling are C. O. Martin, HMC, left, team captain, and L. F. Betoney, HMC. Standing, left to right are C. D. Deen, HN, H. L. Francisco, CHPCLK, and J. L. Seale, HN. Unable to be present for the picture were J. V. McKee, HM3, and R. M. Berry, HN.



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Publicity Policy Discussed at ARC Luncheon

Heads of Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda Red Cross chapters and their public information directors were luncheon guests at the Officers' Club here on 18 January, coming at the Commanding Officer's invitation to discuss with him and representatives of the hospital Red Cross and Public Information staffs both Navy and Red Cross policies with regard to publicity.

Captain Cook told visiting Red Cross workers that the Navy welcomes stories and photographs of patients participating in Red Cross activities. He discussed hospital regulations with reference to interviewing and photographing patients and explained the reasons for clearing all material through the hospital's Public Information office before releasing it to local newspapers or other publications.

Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross Field Director for Oak Knoll, acted as chairman at the meeting, and chapter officials participated in the discussion.

Honest Sailors Find, Return Large Sums

Two good sailors made good news during the past week.

Jesse Perez, CS1, USN, of the Commissary Department at NAS, Alameda, stepped into a phone booth in the Dependent Service here while his wife and baby daughter saw their doctor. In the booth he picked up a bulging wallet which contained \$233. He promptly turned it in at the admitting office, where some hours later it was gratefully claimed by its owner, Mrs. Lloyd C. Love. Her hands full (with young Pamela, Barbara, and very young Tommy), she had gone to her home in San Francisco, leaving behind the funds she had saved for a cross-country plane trip.

And a recent issue of the Oakland Tribune told the story of honest Ernest Phibbs, EM2, USN. En route back to Ward 42B after evening liberty Phibbs gave a gray-haired woman a ride from one East 14th Street tavern to another three blocks away. Next morning in the seat of his car, he found her purse containing \$105.40, which he took to police headquarters, where it is now waiting to be claimed by its owner.

These good deeds happened to gain public notice. They are but two of the many unnoticed, unrewarded kind acts performed each day by Navy personnel.



Rear Admiral Daniel Hunt, MC, USN, Inspector of Medical Department Activities, Pacific Coast, and District Medical Officer, was an Oak Knoll visitor last Thursday, coming to the hospital to discuss official matters and have lunch with the Commanding Officer. The photographer took this picture of the DMO and the CO in the courtyard of the Officers' Club.

March of Dimes Now in Full Swing

With only three chairmen reporting up to Wednesday noon, Oak Knoll's March of Dimes had at that time already brought in \$170, according to LCDR R. F. McComas, who heads the drive for this station.

The goal for the hospital has been set at \$700, and it is anticipated that most of this will be raised through direct contributions solicited by members of the committee appointed by the Commanding Officer. In addition, it is estimated that the miniature iron lungs which have been placed about the compound will bring in around \$100.

The first large sum turned in was the \$80 collected at the end of the enlisted pay line last Thursday. Twenty committee members continued this week to gather coins for the campaign against polio. Since the drive will end next Tuesday, complete returns will be announced next week, and it is hoped that Knollites will again go over the top in giving, as they did in the recent Community Chest drive.

March of Dimes receipts turned in last year to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis alone totalled \$26,000,000. Patient care alone in 1949 cost \$31,000,000. That is why Oak Knoll and the nation must give more this year than ever before.

Ship's Store Acquires New Name; Rules

Effective 1 January, 1950, all Ship's Service Stores were redesignated "Navy Exchange." Armed Services Exchange Regulations, issued by the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Forces, reflect basic policies with respect to operation of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps Exchanges located within continental United States. These regulations are as follows:

Patrons entitled to unlimited privileges of Navy Exchanges are Uniformed Personnel and their dependents; retired personnel, their dependents; widows; contract surgeons during the period of their contracts; Uniformed Red Cross Personnel on duty within an activity of the Armed Services; officers and enlisted men of the Armed Services of foreign nations when on duty with U. S. Armed Services under orders issued by the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps; Official organizations or activities of the U. S. Armed Services, which are composed of personnel on active military duty; government departments or agencies outside the National Military Establishment when the local



Present for the luncheon were, seated, left to right, Mrs. Harold W. Conklin, Executive Director, Berkeley Chapter; Mrs. Margaret Bermejo, General Field Representative, Pacific Area Office; Mrs. Lloyd Burton, Executive Director, Alameda; Mrs. Ursula Cruzan, Public Information, Oakland; Mrs. Lloyd Macy, Public Information, Berkeley. Standing: Miss Vera Wilkeson, Case Work Supervisor here; Miss Marlys Nahl, Staff Recreation worker; Thomas W. Russ, Manager, Oakland; Captain J. N. C. Gordon, Executive Officer; Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer; Miss Dorothy Thompson, Public Information representative for the hospital; Miss Adams; Miss Winifred Eley, Recreation Supervisor; Larry Williams, Public Information, Alameda.

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THEY NEED YOUR HELP

Polio epidemics in 1949 were the worst in the nation's history. More than 40,000 people were stricken in major outbreaks that raged across widespread areas from coast to coast.

The epidemics are over. But for thousands who must live with the disease the tragedy of polio has hardly begun. Of last year's victims, 17,000 will require continued care and treatment this year. Many more thousands remain from other years.

Most of these patients are children. They are depending heavily upon the March of Dimes to furnish financial assistance in the long, hard pull along the road to rehabilitation.

They need your help.

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GOD IN ECONOMIC LIFE

In the far reaches of the north and on the isolated islands of the Pacific, wherever man lives, there can be found trading posts. Trade comprises buying and selling. Commerce comprises trade and transportation. Economic life embraces trade and commerce. It is the life of business, of the production of raw materials, of banking and money and exchanges. It continues on land and sea and in the air. WHERE DOES GOD COME IN?

The economic growth or life of the earth comes not "per se" but from man (ipso facto). The machine to be used depends upon the will and intellect of man. It is man's creation, it starts and stops, it moves and makes only at his bidding. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," sang King David in the Psalm (Ps XXIII, 2).

A sound economic structure exists where men do justice to their calling, to their job. Where man gives to his fellow man his just due. Contracts often contain man's determination in carrying out agreements. At times, the only exception is contained in the subparagraphs, "except by an act of God." The contract is void where forces of nature erupt either in the form of an earthquake or some similar drastic action.

Be not of the opinion that only then God enters in our economic life. All that is good and praiseworthy in man's transactions in the economic fabrics of our country springs from the honest man, from the man whose word is as good as his bond. Christ's promise of spiritual reward embraces the buyer as well as the seller. Christians believe that wealth or temporal blessings when used rightly are instruments of salvation. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." "To whom much is given, much is expected." These scriptural texts form a basis of economic life with God as our co-worker.

FRANCIS J. KLASS
Catholic Chaplain

★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930

Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each

month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Sec-

ond Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)

1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every

Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in

attending religious services, contact the

Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National

Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service

Dept., is in attendance on the hospital

compound once a week. Men desiring to

see him should contact the Chaplain's

office.

Red Cross Ramblings

DO YOU KNOW: That a new Red Cross Gray Lady training course starts here this next week and will instruct many fine volunteers in ways in which they can be of service to hospital patients? Perhaps your mother, sister, or wife living in a community near a military or veteran hospital, would be interested in becoming a Red Cross Gray Lady and helping others for a day or evening a week. You, at Oak Knoll, are in a position to see what wonderful work our Gray Ladies do; so perhaps you know of others it would be a pleasure for the Red Cross to meet! If so, tell them to make inquiries at their local Red Cross chapter about the many types of volunteer work which they would enjoy doing for people just like you.

PEOPLE YOU MEET: The lovely Miss LILLIAN GALE, contralto, who has been singing on the wards one afternoon a week had quite an experience the other afternoon, proving to her how much the patients look forward to her coming. Scheduled to sing on ward 75A (among others) she and Miss Thompson, staff worker who was accompanying her, found that the poor derelict of a piano on that ward defeated their combined efforts. The disappointed patients promised Miss Gale that if she'd return in an hour they would have another piano. PRESTO! They did, and not only that but it was one of the finest on the compound. What we want to know is . . . WHO IS THE MAGICIAN? ?

HEY! HEY! SWING YOUR PARTNERS: Anyone who was at the Red Cross Lounge, Building 102, last night knows what real fun is! Plenty of partners for everyone resulted in something more than just a real old fashioned hoe-down. There was dancing galore of all types and all nations and even individual demonstrations of everything from the Philippine type rumba to the Russian Shashicek . . . or is that something to eat?

Maybe you already know that California leads the nation in folk dancing? These Friday evening shindigs in the Lounge from 1900 to 2100 bear out the facts. Dance or watch—meet the young ladies from Oakland and Berkeley and be in the swim! Simple instruction or the more complicated types, it's a high old time plus refreshments, of course. Remember the Lounge next Friday night!

BRINGING THE OUTDOORS INDOORS: Last Tuesday evening ward 54 and 55 had a chance to look over a \$3,000.00 display of pistols! The Richmond Rod and Gun Club brought them with some excellent movies on "Gunsmithing" and "Pheasants Galore." It's top entertainment for sportsmen of all ages—and we have lots of them at this hospital.

Another top outdoor group is the Berkeley Rod and Gun Club who will be here next Tuesday night with Mr. George Duran, who manufactures fine fishing rods, and Al Olivera, who will bring all types of sure fire duck decoys.

Football coach of Alameda High School, Mr. Charles Sokolowski has been visiting Oak Knoll regularly with exciting and informative football films.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

15 January

DAVIS, Geoffrey Lee, to wife of H. Davis, BM1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

PLUMMER, James Leonard III, to wife of James Plummer, AD1, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

THORENTON, Mary Kathleen, to wife of Robert Thorenton, ET2, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

REED, Patrick Allen, to wife of Robert Reed, MMC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

MOORHEAD, Marilyn, to wife of Zena Moorhead, HMC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

WORKMAN, Lloyd Lawrence, to wife of Cecil Workman, SN, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

16 January

WALTERS, Jacquelyn, to wife of Jack Walters, ENC, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

ROBERTS, Linda Marcia, to wife of John Roberts, RM1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

KOWALSKI, Thomas Walter, to wife of Leon Kowalski, AD3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

CRUZ, Baby Boy, to wife of Felipe Cruz, SD1, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

17 January

SPANGLER, Robert Rolland Jr., to wife of Robert Spangler, YNC, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

SAGE, Patricia Ann, to wife of Allen Sage, ADC, 4 pounds, 14 ounces.

DEMPSTER, Christine Elizabeth, to wife of Lloyd Dempster, AD2, 4 pounds, 5 ounces.

EHLERT, Karl Heinz Jr., to wife of Karl Ehlert, MM3, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

18 January

HUMPHREYS, Baby Boy, to wife of Tracy Humphries, YNC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

PLAYER, Baby Girl, to wife of Hedy Player, CMDR, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

PALMER, Alton Read, to wife of Alton Palmer, BM2, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

LOCKTOV, Susan Marie, to wife of Louis Locktov, TM1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

YOUNG, Annie Lee, to wife of Westley Young, SD3, 7 pounds.

19 January

GOODMAN, Muriel Lorraine, to wife of Joseph Goodman, ENC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

McMILLAN, Frances Elaine, to wife of Leo McMillan, SHSN, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

CLINE, Donald Glenn, to wife of Carl Cline, ABAN, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

MINER, Robert Glynn, to wife of Reginald Miner, ALC, 7 pounds.

CARTER, Constance Ruth, to wife of William Carter, GMC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

HUGHES, Deborah Colleen, to wife of William Hughes, AK3, 9 pounds, 15 ounces.

20 January

LYLE, Baby Boy, to wife of Charles Lyle, AL2, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

COINER, George Andrew, to wife of Warren Coiner, ADC, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

TRAXLER, Robin Clara, to wife of Arnold Traxler, LCDR, 3 pounds, 14 ounces.

MANCKIA, Jack Joseph, to wife of French Mackia, QMC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

WOOD, Gregory Everett, to wife of Dwight Wood, ENS, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

21 January

RYAN, Bonnie Nan, to wife of William Ryan, ET1, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

PETERSON, Susan, to wife of Magnus Peterson, LTJG, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Who's Who . . .

In addition to a burning desire to have women accompany him at every opportunity, **Richard L. (Tex) Bostwick, HA, 70A**, wants to become married and settled. If, of course, he can find a woman who is willing.

As his nickname implies, Tex was not born in Boston, but in the city of beautiful women, Houston, Texas, so if we are to believe the statement issued by that city's Chamber of Commerce, he should be a good judge of beauty.

Tex enlisted in his birthplace on 20 March, 1948, and arrived at Oak Knoll from Corps School in September of the same year.



From Hannibal, Missouri, the little town on the Mississippi made famous by Mark Twain comes **Billy J. Smoot, HN, of 48B**. An old timer on the compound, Billy arrived here in May of 1948 after enlisting in Quincy, Illinois, on 8 December, 1947.

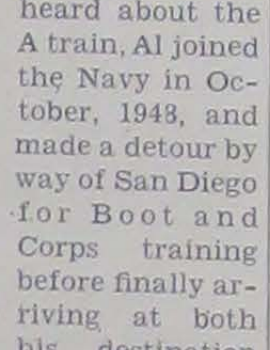
A four-year letterman in basketball in high school, Smoot was worn out by his activities and now spends his time sleeping to recuperate from his exertions or hitting the beach to recuperate from sleeping.

With his locker bulging from the many well-made models lying in it, it seems superfluous to say that **E. P. Jarman, HN** at commissary, has a hobby of building models and spends most of his off-duty hours sanding, painting and assembling them.

Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Jarman also enlisted in that city on 13 October, 1947, and arrived at Oak Knoll in March of '48. School was his prime activity before joining, but baseball was used to take most of the disagreeableness out of that ancient form of torture.



Al Figueroa, HA, on ward 55, took a long and roundabout way to cross the bay from his San Francisco home to Oakland and Oak Knoll. Not having heard about the A train, Al joined the Navy in October, 1948, and made a detour by way of San Diego for Boot and Corps training before finally arriving at both his destination and starting point. Due to transportation difficulties, he was forced to arrive seven months later than he'd planned, so wasn't surprised to learn that his date had grown tired of waiting and had left after three weeks.



Waves' Woes

By Proxy

This is not an attempt to out-sharp Sharpe. I thought it would be fun to try my hand at writing a column, and much safer than having a by-line. Perhaps it is modesty, maybe self-consciousness—at least I'll feel much freer this way.

Twosomes are becoming a fad more and more on this station. Since the Yearouts, Danny and Ferol, set the style, Ruthie Ford and Ray Tackett followed suit, and it is veddy serious. The Lab., X-Ray and pharmacy have blossomed into lovey-dovey departments, and now O.P.D. boasts a hand-holding, dewey-eyed pair. Ah, love! Nothing like it to make the world go rounder.

I thought that American girls had everything . . . plenty, at least, but it seems that some fellows favor the charm of the far East, or foreign ports, anyway. Maybe if we affected balloon pants, turned-up shoes and veils over the face we could out-Arab the Arabians, and the boys would stay home.

Talents have been popping out all over. Edith Rush flies in her spare time (planes, that is). Phyllis Shea is going "arty." Landscape paintings are her latest craze. She showed me something on paper, and I think it was hills and a sky. Well, Rembrandt wasn't built in a day.

Ann Hoekstra is still knitting and purling. That mysterious scrap of blue yarn actually turned into a cute little sweater. Lee Green just goes on doing clever things, but then, that's her job.

Beverly Scheidt is on night duty now, and Connie Charron and Jenny Rhoades play hide-and-seek on 69 A. It's a good thing they don't share the same interests. There wouldn't be enough mirrors to go around.

Kay Robinson is still on the sick list. Lou Moore made a speedy recovery and has gone back to duty looking none the worse for her brief upset.

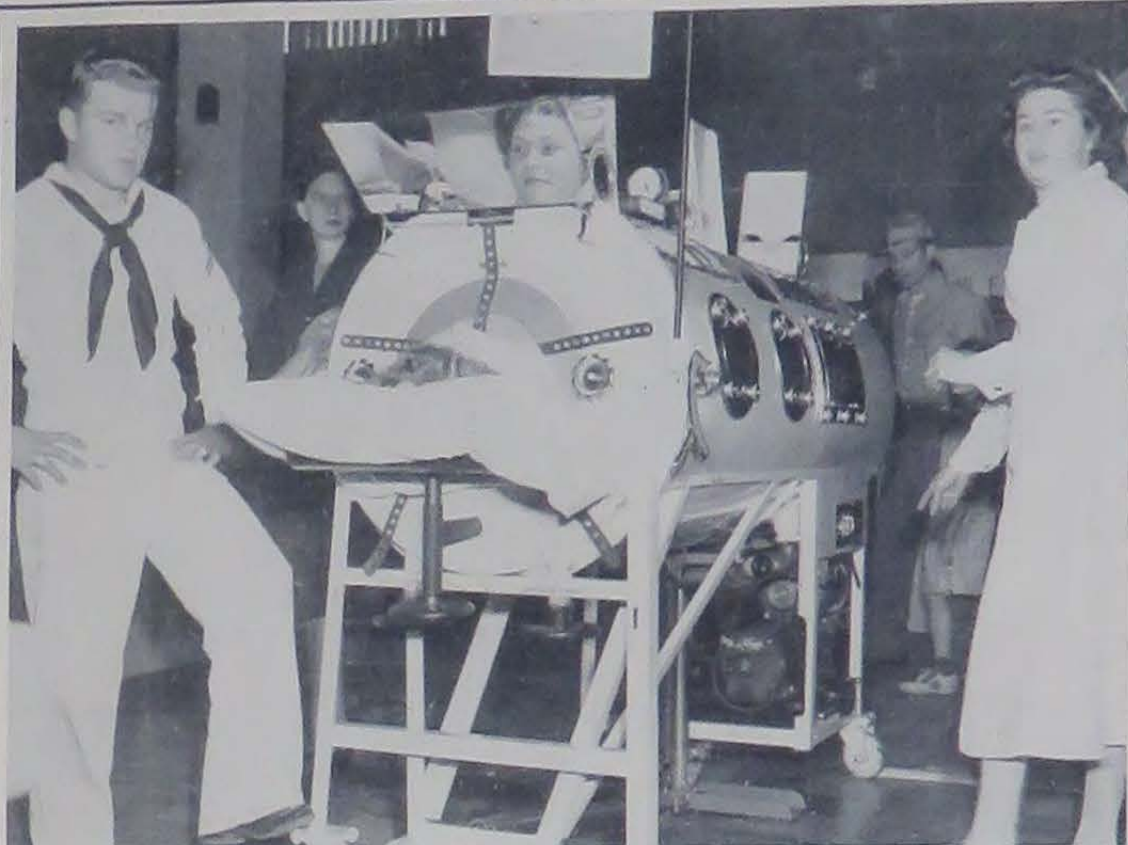
Next week I'd like to try a few character studies of our girls. There certainly are enough characters, that's for sure. But I'd rather take more time for such an assignment.

In the meantime, we are all very busy getting ready for bag inspection. Well, there are twenty-two to be inspected.

More About Ship's Store

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Commanding Officer determines the desired services cannot be conveniently obtained elsewhere, and when the supplies or services can be furnished without unduly impairing service to exchange customers. The term "Uniformed Personnel" means regular members of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, Public Health Service, and members of Reserve components on active duty for periods in excess of 72 hours. The term "Reserve Components" means the National Guard, the Organized Reserve Corps of the Army, and the National Guard of the U. S., the Air National Guard and the Reserve Components of the Air Force of the U. S.; the U. S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve; the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve; and Reserve Officers of the



K. E. Monson, HA, and **Ens. Dorothy J. Venverloh, NC**, had special duty last Saturday when they demonstrated an iron lung loaned by the hospital to the City of San Leandro to give impetus to the March of Dimes. The lung was on display at the J. C. Penney Company store for two days, while townspeople flocked in to learn about its use in treating polio. San Leandro High School girls acted as patients during the two-day demonstration, which was arranged by Mrs. Matilda Morgan, chairman of the drive; Mayor Leonard Seeley, honorary chairman; Wesley McClure, City Manager; William Davis and Duke House, J. C. Penney officials. Following the week-end demonstration the iron lung was moved to the Del Mar Theater, Dutton and East Fourteenth Streets, for display throughout this week.

Public Health Service. The term "Dependents" means a lawful wife; a lawful husband; provided that such husband is dependent upon his wife for over half his support; children who are legitimate, unmarried, and under 21 years of age; children who are legitimate, unmarried, and over 21 years of age, provided such children are incapable of self-support due to mental or physical disability, and are dependent for over half their support; stepchildren and adopted children, unmarried, under 21 years of age, and dependent for over half their support; and parents, including father, mother, stepparent, and parent by adoption who are dependent for over half their support.

The term "Widows" means widows who have not remarried, of the following members of Uniformed Services: members of Reserve Components who died in line of duty while on active duty; and retired personnel. The term "Retired Personnel" means all personnel carried on official retired lists of Uniformed Services; Non-regular personnel of Army and Air Force retired pursuant to the Act of April 3, 1939, and certified to the Veteran's Administration in accordance with Executive Order No. 8099 of April 28, 1939; personnel of the Reserve Components retired pursuant to Public Law 810, 80th Congress, approved June 29, 1948; personnel of the Emergency Officers' Retired lists of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps who have been retired pursuant to the Act of May 24, 1928 (P. L. 506-70th Congress); retired personnel of the Lighthouse Service; and enlisted men transferred to Navy and Marine Corps Fleet Reserve after 16 or more years' service.

Patrons entitled to limited privileges of Navy Exchanges are members of Reserve Components on drill or training duty for less than 72 hours they are entitled to make purchases of certain items in the following categories: Candy and Food Products, Tobacco Products, Uniform and

Uniform accessories, Toiletries, Stationery and Supplies, Clothing and Accessories (Military Type) (Military Personnel Only), Miscellaneous Items (As listed in the ASER); and to the privileges of the service departments.

Members of Reserve Components not in an active duty, drill, or training status shall be entitled to purchase such necessary articles of uniform clothing, accoutrements and equipment, in such quantities as would be required immediately when called to active duty; honorably discharged veterans of the Uniformed Services, when hospitalized where exchange facilities are available, shall be entitled to all privileges except purchase of articles of the uniform; officers and enlisted men of the Armed Services of foreign nations when visiting a United States military installation shall be entitled to purchase confections and tobacco products and to privileges of service departments; Red Cross non-uniformed personnel working in Red Cross offices within an activity of the Armed Services shall be entitled to privileges of fountain, snack bar, and restaurant when the local C. O. determines that these facilities are not conveniently available from other sources.

Any individual who seeks to make a purchase from an exchange shall be positively identified as an authorized patron by presentation of the "Full or Limited" Privilege Card issued in accordance with current instructions. Attention is invited to the fact that all patrons are required to have and must present their Privilege Cards at the time of each purchase. Applications for Privilege Cards are available at all Navy Exchanges. Reserve Personnel on inactive duty are instructed that applications must be countersigned by the C. O. of the Reserve Unit.

Navy Exchange personnel may be contacted for clarification of the status of individuals not specifically described herein.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 29 January
SORROWFUL JONES (Comedy) with Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Mary Jane Saunders, and Bruce Cabot. "Hope is a book-maker with whom a horse-better leaves his small daughter as security for a \$20 wager. There is no more available information on this movie."

Monday, 30 January
FURY AT FURNACE CREEK (Western) with Victor Mature and Coleen Gray. "This is a replay with no available information."

Tuesday, 31 January
EASTSIDE, WESTSIDE (Domestic Melodrama) with Barbara Stanwyck, James Mason, Van Heflin, Ava Gardner, and Cyd Charisse. "Barbara Stanwyck is the wife of a playboy, supposedly now a clean-living businessman, who actually has a rough time trying to keep to the straight and narrow. Mason two-times his wife with pre-marriage girl friend, Miss Gardner. Heflin is attracted to Miss Stanwyck, stoutly maintains he will not be a home-wrecker. Miss Gardner is slain and Mason and his wife are suspected. Heflin walks out and goes to Europe, Miss Stanwyck walks out on her husband, and the film ends with Mason looking sadly from the window of his penthouse."

Wednesday, 1 February
SONS OF NEW MEXICO (Western) with Gene Autry, Gail Davis, and Robert Armstrong. "Autry has the assignment of taking over the reins of the ranch of an old friend who has died. He discovers that the young son of his friend is spoiled and is indebted to a gambler who is trying to ruin the family. Autry takes things in hand, and after a few songs and some roughing-up of the opposition he settles with the gambler and his gang, thus saving the ranch."

Thursday, 2 February
PORT OF NEW YORK (Crime Drama) with Scott Brady, Richard Rober, and K. T. Stevens. "Brady and Rober play two treasury officials. A big shipment of dope arrives from Turkey and is smuggled ashore. The man who delivers it is murdered. From bits of information and some patient detective work Brady and Rober piece together clues that lead to the gang hideout on a yacht. Brady is shot and Rober finally catches up with the criminals by posing as a dope peddler."

Friday, 3 February
THE NEVADAN (Technicolor Western) with Randolph Scott, and Dorothy Malone. "This is a new release which has not been reviewed as yet."

Saturday, 4 February
THE CHAMPION (Boxing Drama) with Kirk Douglas, Marilyn Maxwell, Arthur Kennedy, and Paul Stewart, and Ruth Roman. "The story of Kirk Douglas, bred in the lowest economic circumstances, who batters his way to the top. As the champion, marries Ruth Roman but casts her aside soon after marriage; steals Marilyn Maxwell away from the man he has deposed as champion, brushes her when he no longer finds use for her; makes love to the wife of the promoter, Lola Albright, who is responsible for his big money, drops her when she becomes a block to his further progress; fires his first manager, Paul

The HCO Beat

By MAC

As I write this I am looking out at the sunshine, first we've had in days. Boy, we have more sun in Brooklyn than your California ever gets. While we're on the subject of rain, the big question of the week was voiced by W. E. Wiley when he asked "Will all this rain ruin the growth of rhubarb?"

How would you like the job of holding reveille for officers each morning? This unenviable job is held by "Early Bird" Lawrence. Asked what he thought of the job, he stated that he "doesn't know who are hardest to get up—officers or corpsmen."

"Tin Ring" Faulkner is up to his old tricks again. The other morning he was seen playing Robin Hood. He was running around the roof of the Administration Building looking for Little John, or possibly for some old money to give away.

Once again I must ask for a contribution from my readers. If any of you have children who could spare a few new or half-used peppermint lollipops, will you please donate them (the lollipops) to R. A. Brown. He just loves them and since they are not available at Navy Exchange, he has to be content with tongue depressors. Please somebody, help before the shortage becomes so acute that we will no longer hear the doctor say, "Say Ahh."

I have just discovered that we have a hymenopterologist among us. Professor Bostwick started this little hobby recently, and his advice for all beginners is "all you need is a half-used coke cup."

Have you moved yet? That is the question every corpsman is asking every other corpsman. For the past few days quarters have been a place of confusion, but things are rapidly falling into place.

This is meant for Jean Sharpe's eyes alone. Jeannie, you and I are in the same boat. You said that I would never guess who the Mystery Miss is who will take over your job. Well, if it is a WAVE, then I already know everything about her except her middle name. It is rumored I may leave soon and you will never guess who will take my place. It is such a secret that even I don't know who it is. Any volunteers?

THINGS THAT WILL NEVER HOPPEN: CHPCLK H. L. Francisco hearing a corpsman complain about being overpaid.

The Navy Exchange, U. S. Naval Air Station, Alameda, has for sale by sealed bid to the highest bidder one each

1942 Chevrolet Stake Body Truck

1941 Dodge Pickup Truck

1941 Ford Station Wagon

Bid forms may be obtained and vehicles inspected at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, Navy Exchange Service Station from 30 January to 3 February between 9:00 a. m and 3:00 p. m.

Stewart, who was responsible for his success, contributes to his mother's fatal illness, breaks with his crippled brother, Arthur Kennedy, who stuck with him through thick and thin. The film reaches its climax in the savage fight sequence which causes the champion to die of a brain hemorrhage."



Kitty the Cocker is doing as well as can be expected, according to late word from 75B, where she was admitted for treatment last Wednesday after being struck by an Oak Knoll ambulance. The accident occurred near Ward 73B, where the spaniel waited for R. J. Bridges, HN, (right), whose friendship she made several weeks ago when she dropped in during visiting hours.

The driver immediately summoned Bridges, and together they carried the injured spaniel back to 75B, where Bridges and G. L. Dunn, HN, (left) and other close friend, kept a special watch throughout the night.

In special consultation Thursday morning, Captain A. C. Abernethy, Ward Medical Officer and Head of the Urology Department; CDR C. R. Carr, Head of the Orthopedic Department; and his assistant, CDR L. F. Friend, established a diagnosis of Fracture, Pelvis. Fortunately a quantity of outdated penicillin was on hand and was immediately made available for treatment of the patient.

A plaster cast was considered, but Kitty's silky black coat created a real problem for the orthopedists. Doctors and corpsmen went into a huddle and came up with the device above—a canvas sling, rigged hammock fashion across a reinforced box—which will keep the pathetic but plucky pup quiet until the fracture is healed. This should take about six weeks, Captain Abernethy (center above) stated as he made sick call yesterday morning.

Mrs. Gordon to Review Book for Wives' Club

"This I Remember" by Eleanor Roosevelt will be reviewed by Mrs. J. N. C. Gordon when members of the Officers' Wives' Club meet on 8 February. The review will be followed by a report of the critic's comments on the story of the Roosevelts. This will be given by Mrs. Page Northington.

The meeting will begin with a one o'clock luncheon at the Cottage Dining Room, 9925 East Fourteenth Street. Hostesses will be Mrs. Carr E. Bentel, Mrs. Percy B. Gallegos, Mrs. Milton Kurzrok, Mrs. B. L. Crue, Jr., and Mrs. LeRoy Plank.

Wives of new officers are cordially invited to attend.

\$183 Paid Beneficiary From Benefit Fund

The Civilian Employees Death Benefit Fund recently paid \$183 to the family of a deceased civilian employee. This represented the first payment made by the new organization, whose chairman is Fred A. Robinson of the Public Works Department.

Membership is open to all civilian employees upon payment of an initial fee of \$2.00, which is used to establish the fund. Thereafter, a member must contribute \$1.00 at the time of death of any other member. In this way the pool of funds is maintained. Benefits are delivered immediately to the deceased member's family to assist in

NAS Alameda Wins 12th ND Tourney

The basketball team of NAS, Alameda defeated the EMS quintet from Treasure Island Tuesday, January 23, by the score of 44 to 34 to take the Twelfth Naval District Basketball Tournament and win the right to represent this district in the Navy Tournament to be held in Norfolk, Virginia, during the week of March, 1950.

Although there was no basketball activity for the Knollites during the past week, Chaplain R. F. McComa, coach of the team, again calls attention to the fact that anyone wishing to see the games is welcome to travel with the team on the bus. All games are free, and the bus will return spectators to the base or drop those with liberty cards anywhere along the route they care to designate.

For further information concerning the games and departure time, contact either the Chaplain, his yeoman, or "THE OAK LEAF."

financial obligations which arise such emergencies.

All employees interested in obtaining this excellent form of insurance should contact Mr. Robinson, E. Nelson of the Plumbing Shop, or Rhoda A. McKelvey of the Nurse's Quarters.



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Fatherhood Has Its Hazards

That diapering a baby is a dangerous business was discovered here this week when the following unusual but official dispatch was sent to Naval Air Station, Alameda, "

YOUR COMMAND ADMITTED THIS HOSPITAL 1-25-50 DIAG SURGICAL OBSERVATION LUMBO SACRAL STRAIN LIBERTY NOT INTOXICATED NOT MISCONDUCT SUSTAINED INJURY WHEN BENDING FORWARD TO CHANGE BABY'S DIAPER ESTIMATED HOSPITALIZATION UNDETERMINED." After 2 February the young father was still under treatment on the orthopedic service. His chance for recovery was reported good.

This brings up a new problem for hospital administrators — should nurses and corpsmen working in the Dependent Service nursery be insured against such contingencies?

Vacation Invitation For Civilian Workers

Could you use an extra two weeks vacation every summer? With pay? At the world famous resort city of Coronado with its Silver Strand Beach?

No, this is no pipe dream, nor is it part of the musings of Walter Mitty.

Many federal and state employees do not know that under civil service rules they are entitled to take an extra two weeks' leave annually for training in the armed forces. This is in addition to their regular vacations.

Here is a chance to take off for two weeks and shake that cocktail pallor with the world's finest military organization, the storied "Gung Ho" gang of fame and fable—the U. S. Marine Corps.

One of the Corps' crack reserve unit, the Twelfth Amphibian Tractor Battalion, USMCR, now has a limited number of openings to be filled by early applicants. Members of the battalion are now eligible for increased benefits under the new pay and retirement bill recently passed by Congress.

The battalion has two companies meeting weekly for two hours at Hangar No. 2, Treasure Island on Thursday nights. Another company meets at Moffett Field in Sunnyvale on Wednesday nights. Pay is received for each meeting.

Highlight of the year for the battalion is the summer training jaunt

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Dimes Rolling In As March Continues

The March of Dimes — originally scheduled to end on January 31, the birthday of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who started the annual drive against polio—has been extended to 14 February throughout Alameda county and until 15 February at Oak Knoll, LCDR R. F. McComas, chairman of the drive at this base, has announced.

"We have almost doubled what we gave last year," the Chaplain said, "and we should in the next few days be able to reach our quota of \$700."

As of 31 January, Oak Knoll's contributions stood at \$420.25, not counting amounts in the numerous dime containers placed at convenient locations about the compound.

During the extended time all are urged to give. Everyone who hasn't been able to will have an added opportunity to do so, and those who have given once, will have time to drop more of their spare change into the Iron Lung collectors. If everyone does his share, we can go over the top.

Anderberg, Raihl Get First NSLI Dividends

Those long-awaited National Service Life Insurance dividend checks have begun to trickle in, and optimistic Knollites are haunting the postoffice, dreaming up ways to spend their money or making resolutions to save it.

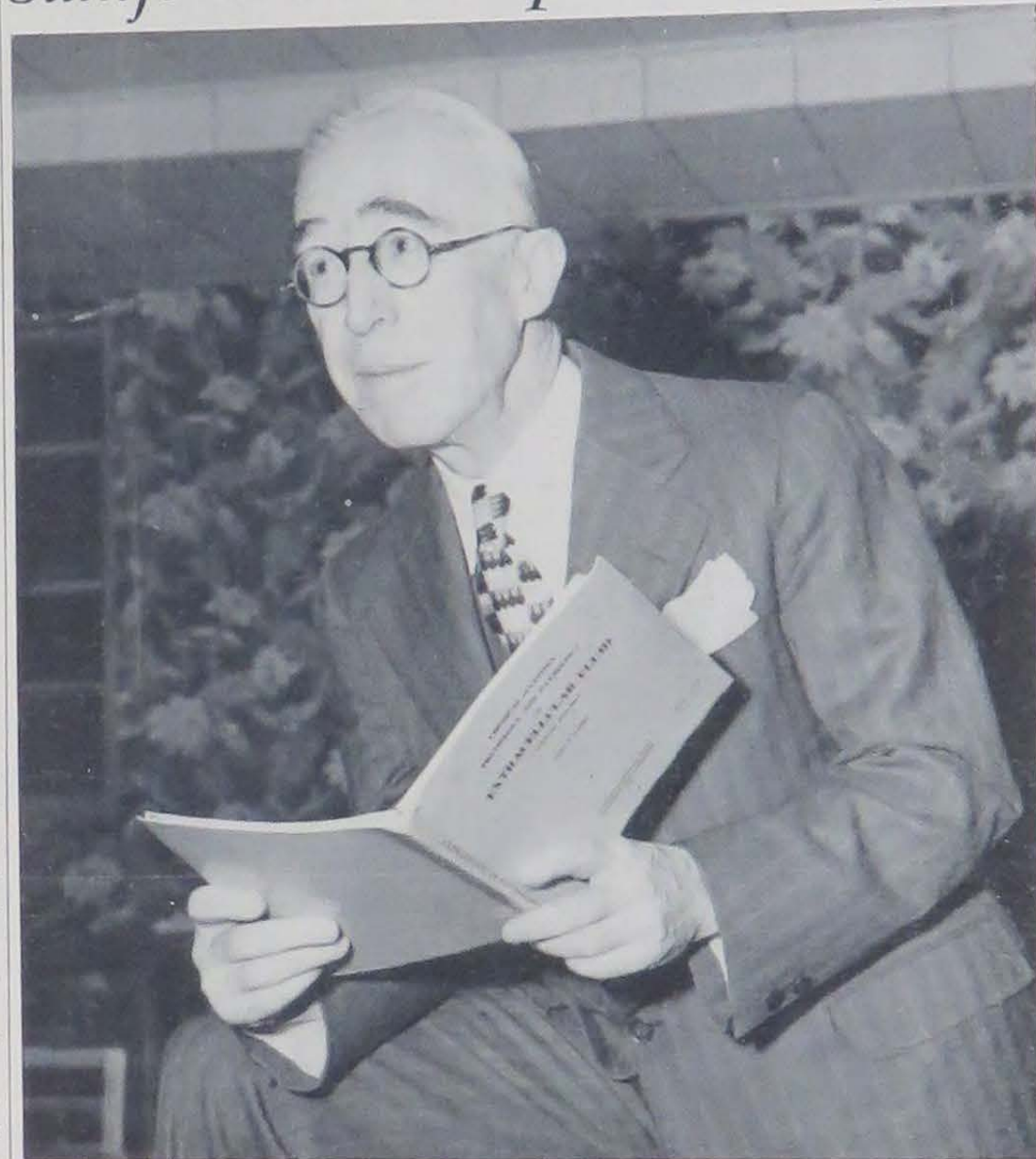
First to receive their checks at this station, as far as the Oak Leaf has been able to determine, were F. H. Anderberg, Jr., HMC, of the Officers Club, and H. L. Raihl, HM2, of Welfare and Recreation. Anderberg's lack of enthusiasm over the \$118.80 windfall he received from the \$3000 policy he has held since 1941, is explained by the fact that it will go back to the government when the chief pays his income tax. A similar lack of jubilation was apparent in the case of Raihl, who reported that his \$214.50 dividend on the \$10,000 policy he took out in September 1943 is "already spent."

Seven New Workers Bolster Civilian Staff

Seven new civilian employees were added to Oak Knoll's roster during the month of January.

Evan L. Wolfe, University of California-trained psychologist, is now on duty on Ward 51A; Mary L. Dubois and Rayma Burgess, clerk-typists, are on duty in the Dependent Service; and Fred J. Vogel, George Simpson, Arthur Manning, and Alfred Robertson have joined the Public Works staff.

Stanford Doctor Speaks to Staff



Dr. Arthur L. Bloomfield, Chief of the Medical Services at Stanford Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Stanford University Medical School, spoke to staff medical officers here Tuesday evening, January 25. His subject was "Some Physiological Aspects of the Diagnosis of Gastro-Intestinal Disorders."

Preceding the lecture the Commanding Officer entertained Dr. Bloomfield at a dinner to which staff captains and senior medical officers of Bay Area Naval Installations were invited. Among the guests from other activities were CAPT Robert E. Duncan, Assistant DMO; CAPT H. V. Packard, Executive Officer, USNH, Mare Island; CAPT C. A. Young, Deputy Commander, Military Sea Transport Service; CAPT C. C. Yanquell, Naval Station, Treasure Island; CAPT L. E. McDonald, NAS, Moffett Field; CAPT Jessie G. Wright, NAS, Alameda; CAPT Benjamin J. Feen, Medical Supply Depot, Oakland; CAPT R. B. Phillips and CDR W. W. Westfall, NAS, Oakland.

Wayward Bus Robs Knoll Patients Of Thousand-Dollar Opportunity

One thousand dollars (\$1,000) went down the drain last Friday night, as far as six Oak Knoll patients were concerned, when the bus taking them to a Television program in San Francisco broke down midway across the bridge.

The quiz show, "Treasure Tunes," had invited the six men to be the only contestants on the show, thereby insuring the Navy a chance at the grand prize for naming the mystery tune (which had been widely publicized in all Bay Area papers), besides giving smaller prizes for cor-

rectly identifying other songs and for filling in the missing word in simple tunes such as "Three Blind ——" When the Navy men failed to appear at the appointed time, other contestants were chosen from the studio audience, and to one of them went the \$1,000—just as the unlucky six arrived 20 minutes late.

The trouble occurred near the cutoff to Treasure Island when the bus, which had been purring along smoothly, suddenly sputtered and stopped. Another vehicle was hastily

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE

Harry Emerson Fosdick once said, "Some people believe in a God of the past. When such people want to assure themselves of God they go to the stern of humanity's ship and watch the wake far to the rear; but they never stand on the ship's bridge and feel it sway and turn at the touch of a present Captain in control." They have not risen to the meaning of the Bible's reiterated phrase, "the Living God."

St. John wrote, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten from the Father—full of grace and truth." These words speak of Jesus—the Son of the Living God—one with the Father. He came to reveal—and from Him we receive the knowledge of life, and through His Spirit, the power to match its requirements. He came to speak a good word for God, His Father—your Father and mine—and He matched that word with a life so perfect and an influence so enduring that it accounts for much of the goodness we have in this old world of ours today.

All of us remember Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Father the hour is come." He recognized the supreme hour in his life and met the issues calmly, bravely, and triumphantly. He lost his life, but it was not defeat because He knew God and trusted Him. He went through it without hating, bitterness or fear. He remained true to his mission in life of speaking a good word for God and living as though he believed it. He gave the best that was in Him from the cradle at Bethlehem to the Cross at Calvary. His Resurrection is proof that God did not forget Him. It is God's promise that He will not forget us if we do not doubt the marvelous magnitude of Divine Mercy, but trusting always, dare to carry through to the best that we can do.

ROBERT F. McCOMAS,
Protestant Chaplain.

Brothers Separated Fourteen Years Find Each Other in Army Chow Line

Fort Jackson, S. C. (AFPS)—Army Recruit Jimmy Graham, 18, of Selmer, Tenn., was at the head of the chow line. The young soldier was tired and hungry, so he didn't give a thought to the sergeant who was ladling out the food.

But the mess sergeant was staring at the recruit. In fact he was gawking at Jimmy's helmet liner. There, in plain white letters was his last name—GRAHAM.

"Where you from, soldier?" asked the sergeant.

"Tennessee," was the reply.

"Whereabouts in Tennessee?"

"Little place called Selmer," Jimmy told him.

"Got any brothers or sisters?"

"I've got four brothers and one sister."

"So've I, soldier," the sergeant countered. "Names are Bill, George, Charles, Georgette—and Jimmy—and my guess is you're Jimmy."

The sergeant was right. He was Sergeant Edward E. Graham, who 14 years ago had been separated from his family, hoping against hope that they'd all be reunited someday.

Back in 1936, 13-year-old Ed Graham had tried to keep his brothers and sisters together after their par-

ents parted. But the smaller members of the family were packed off to orphanages and the family was dispersed.

Then in 1942 Ed Graham enlisted in the Army. He had hoped that at least one of his three brothers—George, now 20; Bill, 23; or Jimmy, 18, might some time or other turn up in the Army. So every time he heard the name Graham he asked questions.

Now his question-asking had paid off. He had finally met his kid brother, Jimmy.

BUS ROBS PATIENTS

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requisitioned from TI, but by the time the transfer was made, and the trip to KCBS and the Palace Hotel completed, the money-winning part of the show was over.

"Too bad," sighed O. H. Rodgers in speaking of the sad experience, "Most of us knew the mystery tune, and could have answered the other questions, too." Other contestants who didn't have a chance to contest were Cpl. J. R. Castro, J. C. Lowden, EFSA, J. Snowden, ETSA, L. E. Graef, AT3, and Francis Gillman, RM2, all patients from the 40 wards.

Red Cross Ramblings

THIS IS IT!: A lot of men have been waiting for final news on this subject. **THE ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE CLASSES** will positively start on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 8, at 1430 in the **RED CROSS Lounge, Building 102**, on this base. Thereafter, there will be weekly classes at the same time. Mrs. Uttrich, Red Cross staff worker, will be in charge of the activity and a highly-qualified instructor from the Arthur Murray studios will conduct the lessons. There will be no charge in connection with these classes. All are welcome.

Servicewomen on this compound are also especially invited to take part and, if the Arthur Murray courses we have had at the Lounge in the past are any criterion, everyone has a wonderful time!

Whether you are an absolute beginner at dancing or have had some experience and want to brush up on some fancy steps, everyone will find instruction geared to his own speed and progress. If you'd like to watch for a while that's all right, too. Tell your buddies, and don't miss the Arthur Murray Dance Classes. (If you do—you'll kick yourself later on when that certain person says: "Ooh—let's dance **THIS** one. I just love to rhumba!")

LOTS OF LUCKY ONES: On Ward 41A this week there was a super-bingo game conducted by the **NAVY MOTHERS' CLUB, UNIT No. 13** of Oakland, who have started a monthly visit amid great enthusiasm from the patients. Laden with homemade cookies and prizes the Navy Mothers made a lot of new friends at Oak Knoll. The group is headed by Mrs. Booth, chairman, who was assisted by several lovely ladies who are going to roll up their sleeves and make a batch of real old-fashioned apple pies for the next visit. Some ward is going to have a real treat!

Vacation Invitation

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to Coronado on San Diego Bay. 1950 plans tentatively call for the journey south to be made by water, with Pullman accommodations on the return trip.

A three day session on the historic Camp Matthews rifle range near San Diego under the sharp eye of veteran Marine instructors is something most of the men look forward to. The battalion rifle team won the 1949 National Marine Reserve Gallery Rifle Championship.

For information on this opportunity to profitably "join up" with the respected Leathernecks, telephone EXbrook 2-3931, extension 2033, at Treasure Island. Better yet, drop in on the unit closest to your home any meeting night between 8 and 10 p.m.

Divine Services

Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursdays) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.
Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

22 January
BRENNAN, Thomas James, to wife of Lawrence Brennan, SN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
COLEMAN, Danny, to wife of Joseph Coleman, SDC, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.
THOMPSON, Patrick Joseph, to wife of Thomas Thompson, CRELE, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
TAYLOR, Baby Girl, to wife of Sam Taylor, SD3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

23 January
CRAWFORD, Thurmon Russell, to wife of Andrew Crawford, TN, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

24 January
SPENCER, John Lee, to wife of Frank Spencer, AD1, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
FRANCISCO, Baby Girl, to wife of L. ven Francisco, RM2, 4 pounds 14½ ounces.
ALLEN, Gary, to wife of Eldon Allen, AD3, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
SLAY, Gregory Allen, to wife of Douglas Slay, AN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
LOVETT, Harold Irvin, to wife of Irvin Lovett, AO1, 8 pounds.
WERTHEIMER, Baby Boy, to wife of Haskell Wertheimer, LCDR, 7 pounds.
WILLIAMS, Johnny George, to wife of Fredrick Williams, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
SCOTT, Virginia Ann, to wife of Joe Scott, SA, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
SAYERS, Margo Diane, to wife of Frank Sayers, EM1, 8 pounds.

25 January
MULLA, David Michael, to wife of Angelo Mulla, AL2, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.
SAWYER, Baby Girl, to wife of James Sawyer, SD1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
MICHOLOFKA, Baby Girl, to wife of Anthony Micholofki, ADC, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
GREENHALGH, Robert Eugene, to wife of Robert Greenhalgh, AA, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

26 January
SMITH, Melody Ann, to wife of Fenton Smith, LT, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
GUINN, Baby Boy, to wife of Howard Guinn, FN, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
MCCONNELL, David Ray, to wife of Donald McConnell, ADAA, 9 pounds, 8 ounces.
YON, Baby Boy, to wife of Herbert Yon, SC3, 8 pounds.
SHISHIM, Walter Lee, Jr., to wife of Walter Shishim, OM3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
MISAMORE, Mary Ruth, to wife of Richard Misamore, SN, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

27 January
STRONG, Baby Girl, to wife of Willie Strong, LTJG, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
COURTOIS, Baby Girl, to wife of Frank Courtois, BT3, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
GEORGE, John Linzy, to wife of Bernard George, SN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
MORRIS, Baby Boy, to wife of Stanley Morris, HM1, 8 pounds.
McCLELLAN, Michael Lee, to wife of Lee McClellan, AO1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

28 January
STAUDT, Baby Girl, to wife of Elbridge Staudt, LT, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
HOTCHKISS, Linda Joyce, to wife of Alvis Hotchkiss, HMC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
LOFTON, Sandra Galene, to wife of Roy Lofton, RDC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

Three New Nurses Report Here For Indoctrination

Three new nurses have reported to Oak Knoll for indoctrination and duty, LCDR R. Jorgenson, Senior Nurse Corps officer, announced this week.

The nurses, all Ensigns, will undergo six weeks' indoctrination training, which includes Naval Hospital ward routine, military drill, and lessons in Naval Procedure and swimming before assuming regular duty in the wards and departments of the compound.

All from the West Coast, the nurses are Carolyn L. Hochuli from Seattle, Washington; Ruth Ann Cunha from Madera, California; and Mary T. Duhamel from Chelan, Washington.

Who's Who . . .

Anything from quail hunting to ping pong is interesting to **W. I. Warrick**, HA, of the 61B galley. Or if these activities become boring, he is glad to occupy his time with sawing on his violin.

Hailing from Pittsburgh, Texas, Warrick joined in Dallas on September 15, 1948, and came to Oak Knoll on 10 April, 1949. About his native state, he says, "If you-all get lonely, come to Texas and we'll see what can be done about it." Any takers?



William R. Holliday, HA, of 71A, has one desire—to get his discharge so that he can go to Arabia. His reason for wanting to go to Arabia is un-

known, but it may be because he is an ardent student of Omar Khayam . . . or maybe "The Lance of Canan-na" made a very lasting impression.

If it is just for the purpose of travel, seeing the Pacific Coast before signing into the Navy in his home state of Tennessee on 4 May, 1948, should have been enough to last him for a short time at least. And with all the travel afforded since his enlistment—San Diego, Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley, San Leandro—what more could anyone ask?

Another of the "Commissary officers" on the compound, this one from 61A, is **Byron M. Skaug**, HN, who left the scenic Pacific Northwest when he enlisted in Seattle on 9 June, 1948, and arrived at Oak Knoll in November of the same year.

A man of leisure, the pleasant-mannered blond attended high school before enlisting. There he learned to enjoy a good game of football or basketball. The easy-going type, Skaug sleeps, if possible, and when that is out of the question, he sometimes can be persuaded to go on a quiet liberty.



Anyone who believes his friends are true, though the shortage of letters is causing some doubt, might do well to check with **Gerald L. Mulnix**, HA, since he works in the Post Office. Working there doesn't seem to aid the correspondence situation any, however, since he reports that personally he spends his spare

time "waiting for mail."

Born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Gerry also enlisted there in September 1948 and arrived at Oak Knoll on April Fool's day in 1949.



Waves' Woes

By Proxy

This secretive stuff is healthier than you think. I'm afraid I stepped on several toes last week. On ten little digits in particular. Golly, if I even dared to bare my identity now I would be tarred and feathered and driven out of Oak Knoll on a rail.

Everyone is looking at everyone else these days with a suspicious gleam. Anyone who writes a letter or makes out a laundry chit or bangs out their income tax on the typewriter automatically becomes Public enemy No. 1. Why even the sweet innocent boys are being blamed. I've seen many a hard glance thrown at the long-suffering Hasson in the chow hall, and Whitey Lundgren has also had his share of glares. We all know that fellows like gossip as well as girls, and "Proxy" could well be either sex. We must be careful who comes into our lounge to watch our television.

This is the week I promised Thumb-Nail Sketches. If there is anyone who gets hurt feelings out of this, just remember the words of the immortal Scotch poet Bobbie Burns: "To see our si'ls as ithers see us. . ."

No. 1—Flora Wright. She reads, works, eats, sleeps and doesn't bother anybody.

No. 2—Ruthie Ford takes life very seriously, with too much work and not enough play, but she laughs a lot more now, and is relaxing better.

No. 3—Something nice has happened to Lou Moore lately. Probably that Xmas leave. Anyway, the alteration is satisfactory. We like this new model.

No. 4—Our Chiefie Green is as friendly as a puppy, as eager and bubbling as a kid. She really likes people, likes to please them, is seldom pessimistic. Lee is a sort of a grown-up Pollyanna.

No. 5—Beverly Scheidt is a perennial tom-boy. You can picture her as the little brat who would heckle her big sister's beau into getting rid of her for a quarter. There's a smattering of seriousness and light-heartedness in this makeup.

No. 6—Julie Clouse would belong anywhere. She could talk about gardening to Grandpa, discuss knitting with Grandma and help the kids with their homework. She's just a gal who can get along.

No. 7—Laura Matz, our visiting royalty is jolly, good-natured and very capable. She's a good listener, a fine audience, and talks plain ol' horse sense.

No. 8—Connie Charron. Oh-oh, take it easy. Our little shrinking violet is print-shy.

No. 9—Wanda Jones. Quiet and retiring. Minds her own business. Nice girl. Period.

No. 10 and 11—The Gold-Dust Twins, Louise Hein and Anna Hoekstra share a room that exactly reflects the dispositions and characteristics of the owners. They remind you of cute and cuddly teen agers. They fuss, they giggle, they talk about boys and clothes, and cream their faces with wierd concoctions that would give anyone else nightmares, just at bedtime.

More thumb-nail sketches next week!

Nurses Promoted to Higher Rank



LTJG's Thessalona A. Braden and Frances R. Kissinger added a half stripe to their caps this week after being sworn in as permanent lieutenants in the Reserve Nurse Corps, U. S. Navy. Captain Cook administered the oath.

Both nurses have served in the Reserve Nurse Corps for the past six years. Miss Braden, who comes from Sherman, Texas, has been at Oak Knoll for three years; Miss Kissinger, whose home is in Clyde Park, Montana, has been on the hospital staff for two years.

Civilian Personnel Policies Stated By Secretary of Defense

The Secretary of Defense in a communication to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force has directed that the following statement of civilian personnel policy be made known to all employees of their respective Departments:

The Department of Defense is responsible for the security of our country. Civilian employees share fully in that responsibility. Use of civilian employees affords abilities not otherwise available, assures continuity of administration and operation, and provides a nucleus of trained personnel necessary for expansion in any emergency. Because civilian employees free military personnel for primarily military duties, they shall be utilized in all positions which do not require military skills or military incumbents for reasons of training, security or discipline.

The establishment of a work environment in which civilian employees will be able to contribute most effectively shall be the responsibility of every person who plans or directs the work of others. Supervisors will provide progressive and constructive leadership to individual employees, and shall endeavor to create sound management-employee relationships. They will insure that every employee understands what is expected of him. Productive efficiency can be built only upon a recognition of the individual as the basis of the organization and through application of sound principles of human relations.

The following principles will guide the conduct of human relations in the Department of Defense:

1. There shall be no discrimination because of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, lawful political affiliation, or physical handicap.

2. Employees shall be placed in jobs for which they are best fitted and shall be given opportunities for advancement.

3. Training necessary to insure improved job performance and individual development shall be provided.

4. Appraisal of work performance shall be made fairly and objectively on a continuing basis and such appraisal shall be discussed with employees.

5. Within whatever compensation schedule is applicable, employees shall receive equal pay for work of equal difficulty and responsibility.

6. Working conditions shall be made as safe and healthful as possible.

7. Recognizing that a well-informed work force is a productive work force, employees shall be informed, insofar as possible, of plans and policies affecting them and their work.

8. Employees shall be encouraged to express themselves concerning improvement of work method and working conditions.

9. Employees shall have the right, without interference, coercion, restraint, or reprisal, to join or refrain from joining any lawful employee organization or association.

10. Any employee having a grievance shall be accorded a fair and prompt discussion with the supervisor immediately concerned and, failing prompt and satisfactory adjustment, he shall have a right to appeal, under established grievance procedure. In presenting a grievance, an employee shall be free from interference, restraint, or reprisal, and he may designate a representative of his own choice to assist him.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 5 February

WHEN WILLIE COMES MARCHING HOME (Drama) with Dan Dailey, Corinne Calvet, Colleen Townsend, and William Demarest. "Dailey is a small town boy acclaimed a hero when he enlists after Pearl Harbor. After two years he is still stationed at the local airfield, cannot get overseas and is so unpopular in his home town that even the dogs snap at his feet. As a last minute replacement on a bomber, he flies the ocean; crash lands in France and joins the underground; witnesses a V-1 rocket demonstration; flees to England with the film of the event, then flies to Washington, and four days later is home again and a hero. Corinne Calvet is seen as the leader of the French underground; Colleen Townsend, as the girl next door, and William Demarest, as the father still fighting the battles of World War I." 20TH CENTURY FOX—82 minutes.

Monday, 6 February

HIGH WALL (Drama) with Robert Montgomery and Audrey Totter. "This is a replay with no available information." MGM—100 minutes.

Tuesday, 7 February

MAN ON THE EIFFEL TOWER (Drama) with Charles Laughton, Franchot Tone, Burgess Meredith, and Jean Wallace. "A new release not reviewed as yet." RKO—96 minutes.

Wednesday, 8 February

GIRLS SCHOOL (Drama) with Joyce Reynolds and Ross Ford. "A new release not reviewed as yet." COLUMBIA—62 minutes.

Thursday, 9 February

STORM OVER WYOMING (Western) with Tim Holt and Richard Martin. "Another new release not reviewed as yet." RKO—60 minutes.

Friday, 10 February

JOHNNY EAGER (Drama) with Robert Taylor, Lana Turner, Edward Arnold and Van Heflin. "A replay with no available information." MGM—107 minutes.

Saturday, 11 February

MONTANA MIKE (New Release) with Robert Cummings and Brian Donlevy. "Another new release not reviewed as yet." UNITED ARTISTS—98 minutes.

The English are a phlegmatic race. I was once visiting with an Englishman and his wife and, entirely by accident, wandered in upon the wife at her bath. Making a hurried retreat, I sought out my host, who was reading in his room, and immediately proffered my apologies. He brought his head up out of the book and regarded me for a moment. "Skinny old thing, isn't she?" he remarked.

Exercise kills germs, but the trick is to get the damn things to exercise.

The HCO Beat

By John V. McKeon, HM3

Since my days are numbered here, I may as well stop being incognito and come out in the open. Many of you guessed that I wrote this column; but I believe that this will be news to a few. Now, if any of you have any hard feelings about anything that I have said in my column and would like to retaliate in one way or another, remember my days are growing short and I soon will be gone the way of all good corpsmen.

In the field of auctioneering, Chief Butterbaugh takes the cake. The way he handled the bag room auction the other day was really something to watch. I never realized that a dirty old towel could cost so much.

If you have noticed some of the WAVES walking around starry-eyed lately, looking as if they had just been kissed by Clark Gable, the reason is that the "WAVES' CHOICE" P. A. Moormeier has just returned from leave. Welcome back, Paul.

Everybody has a hobby of one kind or another, but the strangest is that of Earl "Lover" Pressnal... finding out the color of all the girls' eyes in the record office. Say, Earl, what color eyes has Joan Smejkal?

Boy, I've heard of some guys having nightmares, but the DN who dreamed this up must live on a steady diet of Chow Mein and Peanut Brittle. He dreamed the other night that when the chiefs come around the quarters in the mornings to hold reveille, they drive through each dorm in brand new Buicks. All I can say is that that DN must have been building too many prosthetics lately.

Never underestimate the power of a woman. The other day it took five men in the MAA shack to give one WAVE her liberty card.

In case any of you are wondering what is happening in the radio show "I Love a Mystery," just ask "Scar" Holbrook and "G-Man" Fredericks and they will cut you in on the latest scoop. Those two will risk the brig just to be able to listen to it.

Well, that just about does it for now as I have to finish reading a book called, "The Self-Cure of Seasickness."

At Last! Bucs Win
Slip Past Mare Island 48-46

With the Casaba King regaining his usual form and Ace Johnson suddenly becoming a sharpshooter, the Oak Knoll Pirates regained the victory Wednesday night when they defeated the Mare Island Hospital quintet by the score of 48 to 46 on the winner's home court.

The game was tied fourteen times which tends to show what a close exciting game it was, and the final outcome was in doubt until the final gun.

The Old Chicken Coop began the scoring early in the game and was closely followed by Bob Worsham's basket before Colles cracked the scoring circle for the Islanders. Johnson sank one and then Paul Harmer and Johnny Carsten began their scoring duel which ended with both garnering sixteen points for the evening. Both sank two field goals before Cooper sank another to give the Knollites the longest lead of the game at 16 to 7.

E. D. Kelley then teamed up with Harmer to make nine points and tie the score at 16 all. Bill Deublin put the Islanders ahead for the first time then, only to be tied again at 18-18. Slipping ahead at that point on another of Carsten's tosses, the Knoll-

ites kept the lead and rested on a 23-20 score at the half-time.

In the second half, the Islanders came out breathing fire, and before the Bucs could get settled, they scored four points to regain the lead. G. A. Zilch tied it up on a free throw and after Harmer had sunk one, tied it by sinking a field goal. From that moment on, although they repeatedly tied it, the Islanders never regained the lead.

Johnny Carsten and Paul Harmer tied for high honors with 16 apiece, followed by C. A. Johnson and E. D. Kelley with 13 apiece.

VC-5 Walks Over Bucs

In the first game of the new 12th N. D. League, the Oak Knoll Pirates were defeated by the V. C.-5 quintet 56 to 22 on the Moffett Field floor.

John Summa was high for the Vipers with 19 points and Alva Colwell was second with 14. R. Cooper was high for the Bucs by scoring 6 points.

Although only one of them scored any points, the three littlest men on the floor stole the whole show with their aggressive floor work and split play. The three, D. B. Sumerlin, J. H. Leland, who scored three points, and J. C. Stevenson, put together would be just about as big as an undernourished rabbit, still managed to get into the Fliers hair with startling regularity.

"Where is the car?" demanded Mrs. Dingley.

"Dear me," said Professor Dingley. "Did I take the car out?"

"You certainly did," his wife replied. "All the way up town."

"How odd! I remember now that after I got out I turned to thank the gentleman who'd given me the lift and wondered where he'd gone!"

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First Urology Technicians Complete Course



R. J. Bridges, HN, and G. L. Dunne, HN, this week received certificates and congratulations from their instructor, Captain A. C. Abernethy, MC, USN, Head of the Urology Department. They are the Navy's first two urology technicians.

Assigned to Ward 75B, the two corpsmen have gained extensive experience in caring for urology patients, in addition to completing six months' work in the cystology and urology laboratories under the tutelage of Captain Abernethy and members of his staff. The training course, first of its kind in the Navy Medical Department, was organized by Captain Abernethy and begun here last July upon approval by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Two new students, recently ordered here from Bremerton and Great Lakes to take the course, are enrolled in the second class. They are R. W. Bigonias, HN, and T. B. Franklin, HN.

Five New Pups Raise Prolific Hound's Production Score to Thirty-Four

Although Gertrude assumes an air of indifference at the mention of publicity, those who know her best guessed that it wouldn't take her long to do something newsworthy, once another pooch made hospital headlines.

So, last Monday, two weeks after 75B's cocker spaniel, Kitty, was publicized because of her injury, Transportation's Gertrude makes the front page with another of her multiple blessed events.

Gert, to bring newcomers up to date, came to Oak Knoll 27 months ago, turning in at that time as a maternity patient. Her production record since arrival includes quintuplets, two sets of octuplets, septuplets (one of which failed to survive) and now sextuplets (one stillborn). During periods of confinement the doghouse is converted into a maternity ward-nursery set-up, where tender care is provided for the young (?) mother and tiny infants by H. S. Snook and other transportation department personnel. The new pup-

pies, five days premature, are too small to be subjected to examination; hence the sex distribution is undetermined. Their tiny features are said to resemble those of a police dog.

Although the prolific Gertrude is reported "fussier than usual" (some attribute this to the inattentiveness of the children's father) she is, on the whole, doing nicely and was considerably cheered yesterday with the news that one of her 34 progeny, now living in San Lorenzo, has just presented her with thirteen grandpups.

LONG VACATION

Hennepin, Okla. (AFPS)—R. D. L. Meeks, who has taken only nine days leave from his postmaster's job in the last 45 years, has something to look forward to. After serving under eight presidents and every governor of Oklahoma since statehood, Mr. Meeks now is stuck with 289 days of accumulated paid vacation.

OVER THE TOP

\$787 Collected Here For March of Dimes

Generous staff and patient contributions have already put Oak Knoll over the top in the polio drive, Chaplain R. F. McComas, chairman of the committee, announced Wednesday afternoon.

Although there is still a week to go in the drive, Oak Knoll has already exceeded its goal of \$700 by \$87.43 and surpassed last year's mark of \$271.65 by \$515.78.

Male officers led the contributions with \$125.50 but were closely followed by the enlisted personnel who gave \$125.31. Third on the list of leading donators were the administrative civilians who gave \$115.70.

Two other departments which went over the hundred dollar mark were the Nurses with \$106.75 and Public Works Civilians with \$101.86. Other departments who have helped in the leap over the top are Commissary civilians, \$74.55; Red Cross, \$25.00; Chief Petty Officers, \$14.00. Iron Lung containers brought in \$98.76.

In a memorandum to the Commanding Officer, the Chaplain said, "This is an excellent record, and I want to thank all those who contributed and all those who served on the general committee."

23 Staff Corpsmen Advanced in Rank

Twenty-three men from this base were advanced in rate from HA to HN at the last examination held on February 1, the personnel office announced recently.

Those who advanced were Paul D. Bates, Warren H. Corey, Dudley A. Desler, William A. Everhart, William H. Fox, Ronald E. Fritz, James P. Gatlin, Joseph L. Graves, Thomas E. Hayes, Elwood B. Jarman, Harold W. Jones, Gerald W. Keane, John J. Pratt, Carl H. Presley, Marvin H. Radke, Paul A. Saidak, Jason L. Seale, Jr., John D. Siddal, Donald C. Staight, Donovan G. Sudbeck, Stephen F. Tamborski, Arthur N. Till and Major L. Welford.

One hundred and two hospitalmen came from all over the 12 ND to take the tests for HM3 and higher here on 20 January, the personnel office further announced. Of this number, 13 were from this base, including one for DT3, seven for HM3, and five for HM2. Since these tests were taken on a district competitive basis, the results will not be made public until the district office makes an official announcement, expected about the 16th of February.

Hospital Services To be Expanded

According to present indications, U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, may be designated as the Navy's West Coast Center for treatment of neurosurgery, neuropsychiatry, amputee, and cancer cases. This advance information came from Washington shortly after the announcement that the hospital at Mare Island is to be allocated an operating bed capacity of 50 and the Long Beach Medical facility inactivated and closed.

Heads of various departments at Mare Island have been in conference with the Commanding Officer this week and plans for accommodating the additional patient load are rapidly taking shape.

Although the time for transfer of patients has not been set, Mare Island and Long Beach have been instructed by the Surgeon General to "discontinue admissions on 15 February preliminary to further action leading to closure of the hospitals." It is believed that this hospital's patient load will level off at about 1700 when all adjustments have been made.

A Well Done for 70A And "Tennessee"

Commanding Officer
U.S. Naval Hospital
Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

My mother, Mrs. May Drury, asked me to extend to you and your staff her gratitude for the kindness shown her during the recent illness and death of my father, Clayton W. Drury, who died January 10, 1950 at the hospital.

The doctors, nurses, and corpsmen all were very nice in their effort to be of assistance in our time of need.

I would like to especially commend a corpsman, known only to us as "Tennessee" in Ward 70A. His understanding ways were a comfort to the family. Tending a sick patient is not always a pleasant task, but "Tennessee" was always on the job with a smile, going out of his way many times to make my father as comfortable as possible.

Sincerely,
Carma Drury

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Soldier Sets Good Will Example

By Armed Forces Press Service

A 21-year-old soldier stationed in Japan with the 1st Cavalry has been disclosed as a charitable young man. He's PFC Earl S. Whitney, who's been supporting two war orphans for nearly three years — a Chinese and a Japanese.

It was only by chance that Whitney's charity was revealed. The disclosure came when he requested a two-day pass from maneuvers. Questioned why he wanted the pass, Whitney explained he wanted to visit a Chinese mission to straighten out some papers on his ward, Fan Tung, 13.

What Army authorities soon learned was that Whitney is feeding, educating, maintaining and clothing Fan Tung and Hirayama Tyokichi, 16. He's been doing this philanthropy—without any outside help—since going to Tokyo nearly three years ago.

From his Army pay, the Southern California soldier spends between \$75 and \$100 for the orphans. He even took a night job in a service club to augment his service pay so that he could care for what he calls Jimmy (the Chinese youth) and Mickey (the Japanese boy).

Why does he do it? Whitney's answer is simple and direct:

"It makes me feel badly to see all the little kids hungry. I wouldn't want to see my brothers and sisters like that."

Red Cross Ramblings

MODEL COMPETITION: We just got the details on the rumored model contest. In case you haven't heard about it, there aren't a bunch of bathing beauties involved—but don't despair! A lot of men on this base consider that the cars, planes, and ships which they have lovingly toiled over have the finest shapes in the world.

Therefore, the Grand Oak Knoll Model Contest will be held on Monday night, 20 February, at 1900 in the Red Cross Lounge, Building 102. There will be a distinguished judging panel and prizes will be awarded in several classifications so that everyone will have a chance. Seagoing, land, and air models will be judged in standard types (such as you can obtain at the Red Cross Craft Shop) and special classes will be created for special or individual'y procured jobs. Thus, no unfair competition.

Naturally, judging will be on the basis of careful workmanship, clever trim, and any sound and ingenious additions. All entries must be made by the afternoon of the 20th and names and entries should be listed well ahead of time to assure space for your entry. There is no limit on the number which any one individual may submit so — hang onto your models! Don't be sending them home.

Everyone, whether an entrant or not, is invited to view the Grand Model Contest, and refreshments will be on hand. Bed patients' entries will be carefully posed and protected even though the patient cannot be there. Get busy!

ZIG ZAG BOYS: If you notice some strange and wonderful activity upon stepping into Ward 62A, don't think it is your eyes playing tricks on you. The patients are merely engaged in what is known as Swedish Weaving! Using a huck towel for a base, they weave in lengths of colored yarns until a handsome knitting bag or other handy gift item is fully created. An easy process, in spite of the spectacular results, Swedish Weaving seems to be really infectious and has swept the ward. Needless to say—the output has been prodigious!

ANOTHER REVIVAL: An old favorite Navy game is coming back into its own again. A flare-up of ACEY-DUCEY has been detected on all sides and it really IS one of the best games going. Wards 54 and 71A are particularly avid enthusiasts. Perhaps we'll have some real competition and a champ one of these days.

Incidentally, a canasta foursome on Ward 41B that has been waging wild competition are Charles R. Cline, veteran, Guadalupe Plazencia, veteran, Clarence Brister, veteran, and Robert Lee Bunnell, FN. The ward resounds with their bitter vows to "clean-up next time!"

Ward 41A had a very successful "Monte Carlo" night when patients and Gray Ladies teamed up to plan and carry out a miniature casino of their own. Sgt. Lawrence Raddatz, Frank Flesher, EM2, Tom Ferguson, veteran, Barney Welsh, veteran, Tom Sims, veteran, Bill Moore, HA, and W. H. Smith SD1, helped man the wheels, collect bets, and pay off. (Fake money, natch!) An auction of prizes ended a hilarious evening, nobody poorer—but maybe wiser!

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

29 January

LIME, Judith Ann, to wife of Theo Lime, AD1, 7 pounds.

MILLS, Jerome Alfred, to wife of Alfred Mills, HM1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

NUTTERFIELD, Baby Girl, to wife of Robert Nutterfield, RM2, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

SANDLIN, Loretta Gale, to wife of Paul Sandlin, SN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

WAJDOWICZ, Vicki June, to wife of Victor Wajdowicz, CSC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

30 January

ZAMORA, Velma Sue, to wife of Ramon Zamora, AN, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

SANDOVAL, Norma Jean, to wife of Ernest Sandoval, LT, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

GOAD, Stephanie Jean, to wife of Leo Goad, PFC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

31 January

BECKERDITE, Dawn Mickle, to wife of Ernest E. Beckerdite, Jr., AB2, 4 pounds, 9 ounces.

HARKLEROD, Roland Charles, to wife of Roland Harklerod, BTC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

McDANIEL, Keith Edward, to wife of Edward G. McDaniel, SN, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

WILSON, Ethel Winifred II, to wife of John E. Wilson, AD1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

DARBY, Denis Brion, to wife of Darby, AKC, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

1 February

TIPTON, Norman Craig, to wife of William Tipton, M/Sgt., 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

FLORY, Jill Ann, to wife of William Flory, AEC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

SEATON, Baby Girl, to wife of Robert Seaton, AMC, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

2 February

DAVILA, Katherine Ann, to wife of Servando Davila, AD2, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.

JOHNSON, Evelyn Margaret, to wife of Fred Johnson, FN, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

LAUGHLIN, Baby Boy, to wife of James Laughlin, AM1, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

3 February

SMITH, Cheryl Ann, to wife of Eugene Smith, FN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

ELLIOTT, Tommy Lee, to wife of Clifford Elliott, AN, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

BENJAMIN, Ruth Ellen, to wife of Gordon Benjamin, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

SPERRY, William Alfred, to wife of Paul Sperry, AE1, 9 pounds, 6 ounces.

ADCOCK, Mary Margaret, to wife of Andrew Adcock, RMC, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

COPPOLA, Evelyn Marie, to wife of Ernest Coppola, ADC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

4 February

BIGGS, Veda Lucille, to wife of Leonard Biggs, BM2, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

PETERS, James Emmett II, to wife of James Peters, SK3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

BENSON, John Robert, to wife of Harry Benson, ENS, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

IRVINE, Linda Ann, to wife of William Irvine, LTJG, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

GALVIN, Michael Timothy, to wife of Eugene Galvin, S/Sgt., 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

BLACKWELDER, Pamela Norine, to wife of Robert Blackwelder, YNSN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

DUENWALD, Riger Charles, to wife of Vernon Duenwald, ALC, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Norman Craig Tipton Eager To Be Aboard

Apparently in a great hurry to join his 21-month-old sister in viewing the planet Earth, Norman Craig Tipton was delivered in Central Emergency Hospital, San Francisco, after a hurried drive through crowded streets by a worried father. Coming at the height of the rush hour, 1645 on Wednesday, 1 February, the new baby weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces at birth.

The father, William M. Tipton, M/Sgt., was more nervous and worried than the mother, Grace, up to and at the time of delivery, but both are doing nicely today.

HOW ABOUT THIS!

Columbia, S. C. (AFPS)—The women did their best, but L. W. George—a man—walked off with first prize for the best cake at the South Carolina state fair. And why no George wants to know. "I cooked chow on Navy battleships for years."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR SPARE TIME?

Suppose God gave you a life of 70 years. How would it be spent? How would it be distributed? It seems that some unappointed statistician summed it up this way:

Three years would be spent in education;
Eight years would be spent on amusement;
Six years at the dinner table;
Five years in transportation;
Four years in conversation;
Fourteen years in work;
Three years in reading;
Twenty-four years in sleeping.

Has it occurred to you that if you attended church every Sunday and prayed for five minutes every morning and evening, you would be giving five months out of 70 years of your life to God? It is thought provoking to say the least. Yet there are too many of us with no time for God.

It is remarkable that three years are dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge. We are prone to imitate and keep up with the fads and fashions, very few of us have the knack of being original. Knowledge is a growing process; some of us remain satisfied just being children. We depend on others for our thinking; it's a case of hanging onto the proverbial apron string. We mimic our companion, we repeat his ideas, all the while pretending that what we say is our own. In this fast world, methods of learning have been streamlined. Visual aids in the process prove that pictures tell more than a thousand words.

In conclusion, I give you a mental picture: a race horse in a photo finish. "The fastest horse the world has seen," someone changed the caption to read, "The fastest world the horse has ever seen."

Do you wanta bet?

—CHAPLAIN F. J. KLASS

Divine Services

Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930

Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)

1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every

Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in

attending religious services, contact the

Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.

The Field Representative of the National

Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service

Dept., is in attendance on the hospital

compound once a week. Men desiring to

see him should contact the Chaplain's

office.

Who's Who . . .

Trying to be another Ben Hogan is Cecil L. Weaver, HA, of Ward 54, whose favorite form of recreation and only sport, is golf. Built along the general lines of the diminutive champion, Cecil has set himself a high goal and, although he's won no tournaments or special honors, hopes to climb high along the path.

Weaver was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and enlisted there in February of 1948. He was transferred to San Diego for Boot Camp and Corps School, from where he reported to Oak Knoll on 14 August, 1948.

Donovan G. Sudbeck, HN, of CSR is, according to the answers given during his interview, a busy little bee whose one moment of relaxation comes when he drops from sheer exhaustion.

An enthusiastic patron of nearly all forms of sports and recreation, the little Cornhusker is also an avid liberty canine (hound).

Born in Hartington, Nebraska, Sudbeck enlisted in Omaha in March 1948, and arrived at Oak Knoll on September 13, 1948. Since hitting the City by the Bay, he has spent his time dancing, bowling, swimming and spending his liberty hours around Fruitvale and MacArthur. "Which," he says, "is a very nice place for viewing the local scenery."

It may be pyromaniacal tendencies which prompt Ralph S. Knight, HN, of 49A and B to collect match book covers, and then again, it may be simply because he's interested in them. However one looks at it, it is his hobby.

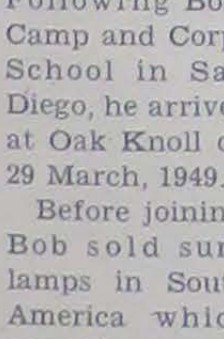
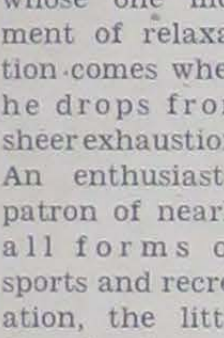
Ralph was born in Bastrop, Louisiana, but left that state to enlist in Little Rock, Arkansas, on 16 September, 1947. After Corps School in San Diego he came to Oak Knoll in March of 1948.

Robert Nordstrom, HA, of 41B, was born in Tacoma, Washington and enlisted in Seattle on September 9, 1948.

Following Boot Camp and Corps School in San Diego, he arrived at Oak Knoll on 29 March, 1949.

Before joining, Bob sold sun-lamps in South America which gave him enough

back to journey back to his home town and become third jerk from the left on the tug-of-war team at his high school. During the spare hours provided by his present occupation, he listens to Stan Kenton records, and watches for flying saucers.



Waves' Woes

By Proxy

And here are more thumbnail sketches, continued from last week:

No. 12—Ferol Yearout is average, healthy, unspoiled, looks well-scrubbed and outdoorish, is as open as a book and as unsophisticated at a Panda bear. Refreshing is probably the word for Ferol.

No. 13—Now you see her now you don't. Jenny Rhoades the harum-scarum, the wild'n wooly. No time for anything but lots of fun.

No. 14—Lucille Berstler, who is too good to be true. She remains sweet and gentle, and has never been known to utter one catty word about anyone. It's funny, but it's true.

No. 15—Phillis Shea, that bit of Irish Blarney who is as subtle as a ton of bricks. She looks like she should have been named "Sheila" or "Mickey," with that map of Ireland all over her puss. She says what she wants when she wants. That's good.

No. 16—Arlene Normington is the athletic type. You can picture her with a tennis racket or a fishing pole or a bowling ball. She's somewhat like a long-legged frisky young colt and she has the faculty of getting along well with people.

No. 17—Catherine Gass has the face of a glamour gal, the soul of a practical woman, and the heart of a bewildered little girl.

No. 18—Jean Sharpe is just plain old Sharpie. No frills no fuss. Outspoken and boisterous, but just a little subdued these past three months. The Untamed has met her Waterloo, no doubt.

No. 19—Kay Robinson and Terry Hawk are just good Joes. Robbie has been away for so long we almost forget what she looks like. I haven't dared to leave anyone out of this for fear the unmentioned one would be accused of writing this trash. I'll bet you'll never guess now, or do you care?

Next week: The boys in the Lime-light, or: Ah, men!

Dr. Traut of U. C. To Lecture Here Tuesday

Dr. Herbert Traut, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of California Medical School, will lecture to staff medical officers here Tuesday at 1930 on "Diagnosis of Early Uterine Cancer."

Other lectures remaining in the current Basic Science Series are on 21 February, when Dr. Harold Harper of U.C. will speak on "Parenteral Nutrition" and on 28 February when a discussion of "Human Genetics" will be presented by Dr. Curt Stern, Professor of Zoology at the University of California's Berkeley campus.

Southern real estate agent: "Now theah is a house without a flaw."

Harvard Man: "My gosh, what do you walk on?"

Fair young real estate agent showing house: "Could I interest you in the kitchen?"

"Lady," said the male buyer, "You could interest me anywhere."

Girl at game (Watching huddle on field)—"There, they're at it again. I do hope Bill won't repeat that story I told him last night."

Monsignor Guilfoyle Visits Hospital



Father Francis J. Klass, Catholic Chaplain, welcomed the Right Reverend Merlin J. Guilfoyle aboard last week when he came to speak to Navy personnel on "Some Problems in Medical Ethics." The Monsignor is Chancellor of the San Francisco Diocese at the Cathedral of St. Francis and Vicar Delegate to the Military Ordinariate, Cardinal Francis J. Spellman. Before his lecture here he was entertained at the Commanding Officer's Quarters and later was a dinner guest at Nurse Corps Quarters.

Eliminations for Inter-Service Shutter Contest to Begin on 1 April in 12ND

To determine entries for the Inter-Service Photography Contest to be conducted in Washington, D. C., during May, 1950, each branch of the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and Air Forces) is sponsoring elimination contests in local areas, the Commandant of the 12th ND announced Wednesday.

The Commandant of the 11th ND has been made responsible for selection of photographs from activities within the West Coast Group and has requested that all entries be forwarded prior to 15 April.

All personnel on active duty, including reserves on active duty over 90 days, are eligible to participate in the contest.

Contestants in the 12th ND are directed to send their pictures to the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District (Director of Welfare), San Francisco, and personnel attached to the Pacific Fleet must send their entries to the Commander, Western Sea Frontier, San Francisco.

All West Coast entries will be placed on display in the Armed Services YMCA at San Diego on the 18th and 19th of April. The 50 winning photographs in each category will then be forwarded to the All-Navy Contest.

Rules governing the photography contest are contained in the 15 December, 1949, Navy Department Bulletin.

Welcome and Farewell

Sixteen persons were detached from and two reported to this base during the week of 1 February to 8 February. Those being detached were: LT Albert L. Mays, Jr. to Subic Bay, Phillipine Islands; LT Lewis G. Baker, to San Francisco Naval Shipyard; LTJG James A. Hardie to inactive duty; Harry R. Matchett, HMC, to Treasure Island; John Derosett, HN, George E. Hancher, HN, and Houston A. Blackwell, HN, to USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia; Robert E. Crouse, HN, to USNH, Chelsea, Massachusetts; and Donald E. Blunier, HM3, John V. McKeon, HM3, Donald R. Thompson, HM3, Ralph L. Breeden, HN, Earnest L. Davidson, HN, Gene B. Donaldson, HN, and George F. Young to Federal Office Building, San Francisco.

Reporting aboard were: LT Eddy L. Harris, NC, from USS Thomas Jefferson; and LT Karolla Brice from inactive duty.

Square Dancing Tonight At Officers' Club

Staff officers and their ladies will turn out tonight for another Hail and Farewell Party—a tradition at this station to honor the newcomers and the detached.

A special exhibition of folk and square dancing will be presented during the cocktail hour by Glen and Reva Ward and their group from Walnut Creek. Buffet dinner will be served at seven, and from 8 to 12 the men will "swing their partners" through a variety of old-time dances.

"Shay, officer, where am I?"
"You're at Broadway and forty-second streets."
"Never mind the details. What town?"

First Drunk—"Shay, kno what time it is?"
Second—"Yeah."
First—"Thanks."

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 12 February

DAKOTA LIL (Frontier Melodrama) in which two such brawny individuals as George Montgomery and Rod Cameron are pitted against each other in a fighting story of the Old West, with \$100,000 in unsigned currency and a dance hall siren who's also a skilled engraver as items to fight about. 20TH CENTURY FOX—87 minutes.

Monday, 13 February

AFRICA SCREAMS (Comedy). A replay in which Abbott and Costello enter the dark continent of Africa to tangle with lions and other jungle beast when they're not trying to outwit the nefarious plans of diamond-hunting thieves. UNITED ARTISTS—79 minutes.

Tuesday, 14 February

ORDERLINE (Drama) in which humor and suspense are mixed with a sufficient dose of romance to make the whole palatable. Tension is built up nicely as Fred MacMurray and Claire Trevor, both working as undercover agents for the law and suspecting each other as dope smugglers, are chased along dusty Mexican roads by police and a rival gang. UNIVERSAL—88 minutes.

Wednesday, 15 February

BLONDE DYNAMITE (Melodrama). Leo Gercy and the Bowery Boys. A bank messenger is framed and relieved of \$5,000 in bank funds. The bank funds are then promised to be returned in exchange for the combination of the bank's vault. The crook's plan to burrow under some adjacent buildings and then cut through the bank's floor misfires when he and his pals eventually dig their way through to the police station instead of the bank. MONOGRAM—66 minutes.

Thursday, 16 February

BODYHOLD, with Willard Parker and Lola Albright. A new release with no available information. COLUMBIA—63 minutes.

Friday, 17 February

MY FOOLISH HEART (Drama). Susan Hayward, college girl of the early war days, finds love with Dana Andrews, waiting to be drafted as war impends. Her friend, Lois Wheeler, looks on Kent Smith in the same way. In a flush of war-born excitement, Miss Hayward's love results in her expulsion from school (unwarranted) and her pregnancy, which is handled in entirely inoffensive fashion. Determined not to trap him into a marriage he might regret, she does not tell him, and when he determines that he wants to marry her before he goes overseas, it is too late, his death in a plane crash plunging her into a dilemma. RKO—99 minutes.

Saturday, 18 February

NORTHSIDE 777, with Jimmie Stewart and Richard Conte. A re-release with no available information. 20TH CENTURY FOX—110 minutes.

Through
Oak Knoll's
Alleys

With Tom Cat

I was asked to carry on the HCQ Beat in Mac's place, and because I liked to read it so well, I thought I would at least give it a new name and a try.

I've found, since looking for info, that it isn't too hard to garner around the barracks and compound, considering the corpsmen at this hospital, but some of the news just can't be printed. So, after sorting the non-printable from the printable, I wind up with something like this...

In one of the past issues of "THE OAK LEAF" the question of the week was, "Have you moved yet?" Now it's "Where are you moving?" Like the nomads, the corpsmen in the quarters high atop the pinnacle just can't get settled.

Boven, what has happened to that '49 Ford lately? Did it run out of gas, or did you run out of charm?

Is everyone satisfied with the reveille hours? It's nice to sleep that extra hour, and the place still seems to get cleaned up, too. But does anyone have a hard time making the chow line besides me? They must, because every time I'm in danger of dropping from starvation, I have to sweat out a line longer than Rockefeller's relatives.

I hear that President Truman is going to repeal sex and give us night baseball.

I am sure a good many of us have noticed that the fashion is rapidly becoming a gray gabardine suit with topcoat to match. Is this the unofficial new look for corpsmen, or is it merely because everyone has discovered the stuff called credit at Gilbert's?

Will someone please help me find one of those gadgets that plays a person's voice back when someone speaks into it. This is going to be a gift for our great singing star, B. A. Branson. The poor fellow is getting modest.

R. L. (Tex) Bostwick made this original statement the other day. "Wanted: woman with personality, charm, beauty, BIG car, and little money, who wishes to meet a handsome, carefree, lovable corpsman. Possession of money will not be held against her, if she meets the other requirements."

This month we lost some good boys from the Oak Knoll staff. We always hate to see them go, and most of us wish, in a way, that we could go with them. Smooth sailing, shipmates, wherever you may go.

Chuckles

A reader doesn't understand why goods sent by ship constitute a cargo, while goods sent by car are called shipments.

Professor: "I've been robbed of my wallet."

Wife: "Didn't you feel a hand in your pocket?"

Prof.: "Yes, but I thought it was my own."

Ho Hum! Bucs Lose Two

Mare Island
Boots 'em 57-34

A stubborn Mare Island quintet which was eased out by the Pirates a week ago, turned into a smooth ball-handling and sharpshooting club Monday night to defeat the favored Pirates 57 to 34.

Led by Paul Harmer and E. D. Kelly, the Islanders ran up a 15 point lead before the Bucs could chalk up a point on Cooper's free throw. Over 10 minutes had elapsed before Johnny Carsten sank a field goal to put the Bucs within 19 points of the lead at 22 to 3.

The game marked the end of the season for C. A. "Ace" Johnson, captain and one of the main sparkplugs of the team, who had to leave the following morning to see his father.

"Crafty" Croft led the Pirates with nine points, seven of them made in the first half in a valiant attempt to keep the Knollites within striking distance of the lead, but smooth and fighting floorwork on the part of the winners allowed them to slip in twice as many points as the Bucs had and lead at half time, 38 to 19.

The usually high-scoring Johnny Carsten was held to six points during the contest, and Johnson, who rang up 13 points in the last encounter, was limited to three.

Harmer and Kelly, high scorers of the game, totaled almost three-fourths of the Islanders' points as they scored 20 and 14 points respectively.

Chief Wins 12th ND
Bowling Crown

Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Chuck Hansen toppled 3,222 pins to take the Twelfth Naval District bowling championship held at Yerba Buena Island last Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the Public Information Officer of the 12th ND announced Monday.

Second place in the field of seventy went to Marine sergeant Jerry Vaculin who also rolled the best series with 656 and copped the high game honors by downing 257 pins. The Naval Air Station at Alameda took the team trophy with a total pinnage of 15,301.

Only two members of the Oak Knoll team lasted until the semi-finals, D. G. Sudbeck and G. J. Huffman, both of whom were eliminated in the last day of play.

In the current 12th ND league, Knollite keglers have picked up five points while dropping ten, CHPCLK H. J. Francisco reported.

Bucs Score Moral
Win in 49-25 Loss

The Oak Knoll Pirates, although soundly drubbed by the Electronic Material School of Treasure Island, scored a moral victory and a decisive upset, technically, when they held the highly touted winners to a 49-25 score Tuesday night on EMS' home court.

The winners, who lost out in the finals to the Alameda Hellcats in the recent 12th ND tournament, were favored by 40 points.

Fairly smooth cooperation and ball-handling, and decidedly aggressive floorwork were the main reasons for the moral upset, and if the Bucs' shooting had been as polished as the Buzz-boys', a physical as well as moral upset might have come about.

Hall Blanton, a finished performer at the forward slot, almost single-handedly ran the score to 11-0 before Johnny Carsten at last put the Bucs on the scoreboard with a charming heave and Cooper meshed the twine with a field goal. The game at that point slipped into a tight defensive game with both teams concentrating on a deliberate style of play. Although the Students had an average of three inches in height, the Knollites repeatedly swept the backboard through the combined efforts of Cooper, Lalla and Worsham.

High man for the evening was Blanton, who consistently put shots through with the ease of a machine for 15 tallies.

Low scorer of those who broke into the scoring column, Bob Worsham nevertheless had almost all of the spectators rooting for him as he played a fast, aggressive ball game for 30 of the 40 minutes. The Casaba King and The Old Chicken Coop, too, turned in Iron Men stints, causing murmurs along the sidelines of "Don't they ever get tired?"

High man honors for the locals were divided between three men, J. T. Brandt, J. J. Lalla, and J. H. Leland with four points apiece. Always good ball handlers and spirited players, this marks the first time they weren't overshadowed by others whom they set up.

Chaplain Issues Call
For Baseball Players

If enough men can be found to man both a softball and baseball team, Oak Knoll may be represented in both sports, LCDR R. F. McCormack, Senior Chaplain, reported the Commanding Officer as saying early this week.

If enough can't be found for both teams, however, softball will be played, since this does not take the practice and finesse that baseball does.

Practices for those who wish to turn out will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 1630 to 1800, the Chaplain said, with probably one or two games being played each week.

Anyone interested in playing should contact the Chaplain or his yeoman and give his name, position, and former experience in either softball or baseball, before Friday, February 11.



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Spanish American War Veteran, 87, Now Patient on 63B, Tells Life Story



Willis O. Huson

"I was practicing law in Phoenix when the war broke out, and when I heard about the sinking of the Maine, I just had to get into that fight," Willis O. Huson, 87, said as he told briefly the story of his long life as a doctor's son, soldier, lawyer, judge, miner, and lumberman.

The war he referred to was the Spanish American war in which he served with Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the famous battle of San Juan Hill. To qualify for this picturesque regiment, you had to be young, a good shot, and a good rider, and Huson was all three.

"There were 1350 of us—150 officers and twelve hundred men," the white-haired former first sergeant said in telling of the five months and nine days the outfit served with their colorful leader. "There are only 24 of us left now."

After those days were over, the young soldier, jaundiced and run-down, returned to his law office in Phoenix, but a doctor ordered him to "get out and stay out" or he "wouldn't last six months." Taking this advice, (that was in 1898) he became a prospector in the country around Prescott and Phoenix, "sometimes striking it rich, sometimes not."

Mr. Huson who is now a patient on ward 63B was born on 27 December, 1863 in a little Iowa town where his father was practicing medicine. There he graduated from high school at the age of 12½. Some time later the family felt the urge to move westward and set out for Seattle. Their cross-country journey was interrupted by an Indian attack and, unable to continue, they compromised on Wyoming. It was there he developed the shooting and riding skill that qualified him for the Rough Riders.

Mr. Huson, who is now a patient on ward 63B, attended Tabor College in Iowa and received his law degree from Detroit Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The bleak Wyoming country had lost its appeal for him, and he decided to locate in a place that was warm—that place was Phoenix. He practiced law for three years, was elected county judge for a two-year term, and later served as deputy district-attorney in Yuma.

After his prospecting venture, he came to San Francisco and went into a machinery business, later moving on to Klamath Falls, Oregon, to spend eight years as general manager of a lumber mill before returning to this area. He and Mrs. Huson now make their home on Beulah Street near Kezar Stadium.

"Is my wife in good health? Of course she is, but she's just a kid—she's only 70!"

Banquet for Station Keglers



Castro Villa in Castro Valley was the setting for a recent lively evening when the station bowling league held its end-of-the-season party.

In the scene above, P and A's champion bowlers and their ladies may be seen in action at the dinner table. They are, left to right, C. O. Martin, HMC, and Mrs. Martin; L. F. Betoney, HMC, and Mrs. Betoney; H. L. Francisco, CHPCLK, and Mrs. Francisco. On the other side of the table are J. L. Seale, HN, his friend Jean Seppama, and C. D. Deen, HN. The men in the party finished off the season with 45 wins and 7 defeats. Each received a full-sized bowling ball as an individual trophy, and the name of the team will be engraved on the perpetual trophy on display in the Administration Building showcase. LT R. L. Thompson, Recreation Officer, presented the awards.

An evening of dancing followed dinner, which featured fried chicken and cracked crab. Previous bowling league parties have been held at Pioneer Village and Lake Temescal.

Eleven Men Make 3rd, 2nd Class

Eleven men were advanced one pay grade as a result of examinations held at this base on 20 January, 1950, W. S. Swofford, personnel officer has announced.

Five were advanced from HM3 to HM2, five from HN to HM3, and one from DN to DT3.

The new HM2's are Stanley A. Bedard, Ronald E. McPherson, Morris G. Neely, Edward E. Ross, and Terry L. Tarrant. Advanced from HN to HM3 were James A. Burnett, Jr., Charles W. Elder, Gerald R. Ford, Walter M. Fehlman, and Wesley J. Gilfry. Jack C. Nicholl was the one man advanced from DN to DT3.

New Orders Rule Slang Phrases Out

Washington (AFPS)—In a move to unify itself, the Navy has asked all hands to stop using certain slang terms.

A recent issue of the Weekly Navy Public Relations News Letter says "all of us must avoid using such terms as 'black shoe Navy'; 'trade school boys'; 'mustangs'; 'airdales'; 'gyrenes'; 'sea-going bellhops'; 'brass hats'; etc."

The black shoe Navy is—or was, thesea-going, non-flying Navy; trade school boys were Annapolis graduates; mustangs were officers who had risen from the ranks; airdales were flying personnel; gyrenes and sea-going bellhops were names given to marines, and brass hats applied to high-ranking officers.

Committee For Red Cross Drive Named

Plans for the hospital's Red Cross Drive got under way here Wednesday when Chaplain R. F. McComas, CHC, met with the 21 officers, enlisted men, and civilians who have been appointed to conduct the 1950 campaign.

The drive will open on 1 March and continue throughout the month in an effort to raise the \$67,000,000 needed for Red Cross services to the American people next year. Of this sum, Oak Knoll's share has been set at \$1,000.

On the committee which will canvass the compound in the coming drive are LT Nairn D. Knott, MC; LCDR Earl C. Spencer, MSC; LTJG Chester L. Klein, MC; LTJG Ernest A. Blakey, MC; LT Irma O. Cudd, NC; LT Nancy I. Wallace, NC; LT Margaret M. Soto, NC; ENS Bella M. Fritz, NC; ENS Margaret H. Adams, NC; LCDR E. J. Madden, DC; K. J. Eustace, HMC; H. L. McGuire, SHC; H. H. Mass, HM2; J. R. Bagley, HM3; P. A. Baronne, HN; E. C. Pressnall, HN; R. J. Underwood, HA; T. R. Forrest, HA; Mrs. Marian Hanna, Mr. T. R. Newsom, and Mr. D. R. Britney.

Former Staff Man To Treat Lepers

LTJG Gordon C. McNeilly, MC, USNR, Santa Rosa, California, formerly attached to the Dependent Service at this hospital, has been recalled to active duty at his own request, for duty as officer-in-charge of the Provisional Leper Colony of the Trust Territories of the Pacific, the Public Information Office of the 12th ND announced early this week.

Before his departure, Dr. McNeilly will receive special training at the National Leprosarium, U. S. Marine Hospital, Carville, Louisiana, and at Territorial Leprosarium, Molokai Island, Territory of Hawaii. For the past two and one-half years, Dr. McNeilly has been serving at the Sonoma County Hospital, Santa Rosa.

The Provisional Colony, with headquarters on Tinian Island, was established on September 7, 1948 to provide modern treatment for all leprosy patients from the Islands of the Trust Territory. Starting with 53 patients, the institution now cares for approximately 100, including five children.

He will relieve LTJG Jack W. Miller, MC, USN, of Palo Alto.

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A Commendation for the Dependent Service

1247 Seaview Avenue
Pacific Grove, California
January 27, 1950

Dear Captain Rubin:

Recently my wife, Geraldine C. Murray, had the pleasure of being the recipient of both the expert medical care and the efficient and cordial attention that has made Oakland U.S. Naval Hospital the outstanding hospital it is.

Both my wife and I were highly impressed with the "esprit de corps" reflected in the thoughts and actions of all the personnel, and the careful indoctrination on "delivery room procedure" allayed the fears of those who were to become mothers for the first time, and it instilled faith and courage in all the prospective mothers.

My gratitude for the vigilance in detection of possible complications with baby Pamela is infinite.

Mrs. Murray joins me in extending our thanks to all of you who made her visit at Oak Knoll such a pleasure, and she sends her best wishes to everyone at 73B.

Sincerely,
Arthur H. Murray, Jr.
LCDR USN

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"I Love Thy Church O God," is an old hymn which has been sung by about everyone who has ever attended church. If the church was loved by everyone who has said so in song, the church would be vastly more powerful and influential in the life of our times. Too many people think that the church is a good thing and support it periodically with their attendance and gifts, but do not feel strongly enough that it is essential to a healthy society. This trouble existed in the early church and it still exists. In Scriptures we read, "I know thy works that thou art neither hot nor cold. I would that thou wert hot or cold. So because thou art lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth . . . He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." This is just as apt today as it was for the time which it was written.

Indifference of many is undermining the heroic efforts of the few. The immeasurable good which the church could do for society is measured in a small cup because we don't care much one way or the other what is accomplished. Millions shy away from the church because of the indifference, insincerity, and hypocrisy they see in so many who profess to be a part of it. Some of us brought up in the church drift along with it, maintaining a connection that doesn't mean much of anything. This indifference is not peculiar to religion alone. In politics it is much the same. Our love for our country is too often a shallow emotion rather than a compelling incentive to service on behalf of our democracy.

Jesus said, "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." This implies that the Church and the State are two areas of life that demand something of us. We must meet these demands by positive decision and not selfish indifference. Too many of our people are like sponges, soaking up all the benefits of a Christian nation, yet they have to be squeezed pretty hard to get anything out of them in the way of support to Church or nation.

Such selfishness and indifference is not only contrary to the will of God, it is contrary to the best interests of our whole democratic way of life.

—R. F. McCOMAS

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Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—
Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150, Saturday Mass 1150.

Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

AH . . . LOVE! In the week just past it was obvious that the tender sentiments still exist in the human heart—especially around Oak Knoll! Several of the wards on the compound had Valentine-making contests and, frankly, the Red Cross was astonished and delighted at the beautiful creations by all the patients involved.

To prove that styles in valentines haven't really changed much, the old-fashioned type with lots of hearts and arrows plus sweet sayings swept the field. Funny thing . . . it's almost impossible to buy that kind in stores anymore! You can't find them. But it shows that our patients are all basically sweet and romantic by nature. And ask the gals . . . they love it!!

HI-LIGHTS: An unusual amount of activity is going on around the compound and that goes for Red Cross, too.

In the Lounge, Building 102, the dances on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 1900 have been crowded and lively. All table card games and ping-pong continue during the parties so that you can take your choice.

But for **WALLFLOWERS**, and others who want to brush up on the new steps don't forget the **ARTHUR-MURRAY CLASSES** in the Lounge on Wednesday afternoons at 1300. Everyone welcome to watch or participate. It's a cinch to be a good dancer with these talented and attractive instructors. (Incidentally, they've been having so much fun that they are going to talk more of the girls into coming out!)

BIRTHDAY BOYS: This is to remind any patient who was born in February and who can leave the ward to be **SURE** to be at the Lounge on Tuesday night, February 21st, for a **REAL** birthday party. Everyone else is invited to come and join in!

Keep Monday night, February 20, in mind for the **Grand MODEL EXHIBIT**. All models must be turned in at the Lounge by 1600 on Monday afternoon. You don't have to be an exhibitor to see this show!! Also, all regular activities of the Lounge, Music Room, and photographic dark room, as well as the craft shop, will continue as usual starting at 1900 on Monday evening. Lots to do and see—come on down!

VARIETY: Other high-lights of the past week were the:

STAMP EXHIBIT last Monday evening with special exhibits donated for the evening by members of the Alameda Stamp Club. Especially noteworthy were topical exhibits such as "A Trip Around the World," Air Mail Covers, and a very beautiful group of "Flowers on Stamps."

PATIENT GARDENER TOUR. By special invitation (and with transportation by the Oakland Motor Corps) a group of patients particularly interested in gardening visited the home of Mrs. R. W. Shoemaker, member of the Oak Knoll Garden Club, to inspect her garden and get gardening "tips." Mrs. Shoemaker also served refreshments during the all-too-short afternoon!

CHESS SIMULTANEOUS MATCH. Last Wednesday evening Oak Knoll chess talent vied with the well-known chess player Guthrie McClain, University of California professor. The match was held at the Lounge and the Oak Knoll contingent gave the professor a very busy time. Everyone agreed that they wanted more outside matches of this sort!

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

5 February

SIRDEVAN, Mark Michael, to wife Donald Sirdevan, LTJG, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

COOPER, Carole C., to wife of Robert Cooper, AM1, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

TARR, Judy Ann, to wife of Clayton Tarr, SN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

6 February

ROTONDO, Thomas Gregory, to wife Alfred Rotonado, FN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

DINKINS, Johnny Robert, to wife John Dinkins, SA, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

7 February

LASHMET, Donna Joyce, to wife David Lashmet, AC3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

MOSCOE, Bruce Phillip, to wife of Louis Moscoe, AL2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

HOLBERY, Susan Jane, to wife of George Holbery, ME1, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

BARNES, George Ross, to wife of "B" Barnes, SN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

ROWIN, Timothy Alan, to wife of William Rowin, BTC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

KING, Baby Boy, to wife of George King, SN, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

CAMACHO, Barbara Ann, to wife Atanacio Camacho, SD1, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

ROHN, Harold Frederick, Jr., to wife Harold Rohn, SN, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

DOLAN, Ricky James, to wife of Jack Dolan, AMC, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

WALKER, Maureen Kay, to wife of Robert Walker, CSC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

8 February

THOMAS, Sharolyn, to wife of Virgil Thomas, HM1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

BURNETT, Nancy Ee, to wife of Charles Burnett, MMC, 8 pounds.

COLQUITT, Randy Lee, to wife of Norman Colquitt, SN, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

SWIFT, James Douglas, to wife of James Swift, AK3, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

ADAMS, Alan Curtis, to wife of Milton Adams, AMAA, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

9 February

PIROG, Baby Boy, to wife of Frank Pirog, ADC, 7 pounds.

COLLINS, Patrick Joseph, to wife of Woodrow Collins, ENC, 5 pounds, 3 ounces.

CONYERS, Alan J., to wife of James Conyers, MMCA, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

ANDREWS, Baby Girl, to wife of Elmer Andrews, RD2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

10 February

FOX, James Dallas, Jr., to wife of James Fox, AD2, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

COUTANT, Baby Girl, to wife of William Coutant, ENFN, 6 pounds.

STINE, Donald Arthur, to wife of Richard Stine, FN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

JAMISON, Twins, Roy Landing Nelson and Baby Boy, to wife of Roy Jamison, AD4 pounds, 15 ounces, and 5 pounds 10 ounces.

RICH, Linda Anne, to wife of John Rich, AK1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

STEPHENS, Craig Mark, to wife of James Stephens, SKC, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

JOINES, Nadine Lois, to wife of Louis Joines, ENFN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

11 February

JACOBSON, Carol Ann, to wife of Robert Jacobson, LT, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

FULLER, Carol Susan, to wife of Richard Fuller, Jr., ENS, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

ROBERTS, Baby Girl, to wife of Everett Roberts, MMC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

WILLIAMS, Glen Allen, to wife of George Williams, FN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

MYERS, Baby Boy, to wife of William Myers, CS3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Three Knoll Nurses Make TV Debut

Three Oak Knoll nurses made their debut on television last week when they were interviewed on the D-Courtney show telecast by Station KPIX from the Mark Hopkins.

LT Nancy I. Wallace appeared in dress blue uniform; LTJG Marguerite Johnson wore the seersucker dress; ENS Muriel H. Riley appeared on the screen in a well-starched ward uniform; and a nurse from Alameda donned her flight uniform for the show. All answered questions concerning their Navy duties and the advantages of being in the service.

Who's Who . . .

A saturator operator, George A. Schroder, HA, of CSR, explains, is a person who operates a saturator. It must be correct, too, because George operated one in his native Louisiana and should know whereof he speaks. Now, to find out what a saturator is, ask Schroder. Maybe it's a blotter.

Schroder was born and raised in New Orleans, so it was only proper that he should enlist there on 14 January, 1948. After the preliminaries at San Diego, he reported to Oak Knoll on 26 June, 1948, where he has spent his time (when not working) sleeping and playing the three B's of sports—baseball, basketball, and bowling.



Paul A. Saidak, HN, of 40A nights, is a Californian born, bred and by choice, and although he is quiet about it, still enjoys the prestige which goes with such a "noble" birth, to quote a Californian.



Paul enlisted in San Francisco on 5 June, 1948, where he worked for Columbia Steel before signing on. After

Corps School he arrived at this station on 23 October, 1948.

Paul's hobbies are stamp collecting and chess, and his favorite form of recreation is bowling.

Gus Yarber, Jr., HN of 63A, has the very unique hobby of "watching different people." Whether this means he watches certain people or a different person every time is unknown, but however it reads, it is an unusual hobby.

Gus was born in Hope, Arkansas, and moved to Oakland to live before going back to his native state to enlist in Texarkana on 2 February, 1948. He came to Oak Knoll on 17 July of the same year.



Having been in 36 of the 48 states in the Union and born in Annapolis, Maryland, it was only natural that James P. Gatlin, HN, of 46B should enlist in the "travelingist" organization in the world—the United States Navy.



Gatlin traveled from his native city to San Francisco before deciding to let the

Navy foot the bill and signed on in the latter city on 2 December, 1948, and arrived here in July, 1949.

An office worker before signing on, Jim now spends his spare time working on his car so he can drive down to San Mateo and go dancing with his fiancée.



Some of the new novels recently received in the station library are: HOME TOWN, by Cleveland Amery; THE SHELTERING SKY, by Paul Bowles; GENTIAN HILL, by Elizabeth Goudge; LOVING, by Henry Green; ONE ON THE HOUSE, by Mary Lasswell; CELIA AMBERLEY, by Victoria Lincoln; THREE WISHES OF JAMIE McRUIN, by Charles O'Neal; COMING UP FOR AIR, by George Orwell; THE KING'S CAVALIER, by Samuel Shellabarger; MEDICAL MEETING, by Mildred Walker; ONCE UPON A TIME, by Vaughan Wilkins; ABE LINCOLN OF PIGEON CREEK, by William Wilson; IMPERIAL RENEGADE, by Louis de Wohl.

A couple of new detectives: A GRAVEYARD TO LET, by Carter Dickson; CAT OF MANY TAILS, by Ellery Queen.

Two new Westerns: OUTLAW TRAIL, by E. E. Halleran; MURDER IN THE OUTLANDS, by James B. Hendryx.

Some interesting new non-fiction: LIFE OF TED HORN, by Russ Catlin; WEBSTER'S GEOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY; BANGKOK EDITOR, by Alexander MacDonal; THIS I DO BELIEVE, by David Lillenthal; KILLERS OF THE DREAM, by Lillian Smith; GRAMMAR OF AMERICAN POLITICS, by Binkley & Moos; NAVAL LEADERSHIP, put out by the Naval Institute, Annapolis; THE FIRST TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD, by John Galloway; A TREASURY OF SOUTHERN FOLKLORE, edited by B. A. Botkin; DISASTER THROUGH AIR POWER, by Marshall Andrews; THE TIME READER'S BOOK OF RECIPES; THE EDUCATION OF A CONCERTGOER, by Homer Ulrich; A TREASURY OF GREAT REPORTING, edited by Snyder & Morris; THE PIG IN THE PARLOR, by Walter Karig and others; I MARRIED A REDHEAD, by Morris Musselman; RAISING A RIOT, by Alfred Toombs; HOW TO ATTRACT THE WOMBAT, by Will Cuppy; ACROSS THE GREAT DESERTS, by Percy Etherton; ANTARCTIC CONQUEST, by Finn Renne; VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC (Volume 5 of the Battle Report series), by Walter Karig and others; BERLIN COMMAND, by Frank Howley; YEARS OF THE MODERN, edited by John Chase; MEN WHO MAKE YOUR WORLD, by the Overseas Press Club of America; W. C. FIELDS, by Robert Taylor; COME ONE, COME ALL! by Don Freeman; ZANE GREY, MAN OF THE WEST, by Jean Karr; HAPPILY EVER AFTER, by Hartzell Spence.

Any or all of these may be obtained for your reading pleasure by calling at the library or requesting them from the librarian when she passes through your ward with the library book cart.

London Doctor: "Now, my man, what about this ear?"

Cockney patient: "This'ere what?"

Kitty Bids Friends Goodbye



Gratitude written in her every feature, 75B's cocker spaniel patient, Kitty, said "Goodbye" this week to G. L. DUNN, HN, as doctors pronounced her cured and discharged her from the hospital to a new home in Pasadena, where R. J. BRIDGES, HN, took her when he went on leave to visit his sister, prior to reporting to Mare Island for duty.

It was hard to tell which was the sadder of these two, the corpsman who helped nurse her back to health when she had been near death after being struck by a car on 18 January or the little dog who patiently spent four weeks in a sling specially designed to immobilize her broken pelvis. At the time of the accident, doctors believed it would take her at least six weeks to be up and around, but with modern medicine and expert nursing care, her fracture healed in record time.

Everyone Has 'Normal' Abnormality

Chicago (AFPS)—It's just a "normal abnormality" if you have occasional lapses of memory—or if you talk to yourself. And you're not necessarily cracking up if you experience occasional disillusionment and discontent.

These are the conclusions of Edward A. McFaul, former Northwestern University lecturer.

He says that sudden mood changes without apparent reason are not uncommon and that "all of us are subject to emotional ups and downs. The more intelligent you are, the more frequently you will experience the swings from bottom to top, or vice versa, and back again. Don't let them get you. They are a normal abnormality."

"Good" fears, he says, protect people at time of danger—such as when threatened by a bear, a person can run faster. "Bad" fears "prevent a human being from flowering in the fullness of his capacity," he explains.

Staff Doctor Now On Receiving End of Orders

Taking medications and treatments, instead of ordering them, is LTJG R. B. Slater, staff doctor, who fractured his right leg in three places during a skiing expedition last week end.

The patient, accompanied by LTJG's C. L. Ebnother and F. P. Hammond, had gone to Donner Summit to do some quiet skiing, and after an uneventful Saturday and Sunday, took off in an unscheduled jump Sunday evening. It was then the injuries were sustained.

"No, I didn't try to tell the others what to do," Dr. Slater said, "All I did was think about those poor patients I've treated. Now I know how they feel!"

Welcome and Farewell

Ten persons were received at Oak Knoll and seven were detached during the week of 8 February to 15 February. Reporting aboard were CDR Bernard I. Kahn, from Mare Island Naval Hospital; LT Pearl K. Houska, from USNH, Long Beach, California; LTJG Anna M. Clarke, from Cleveland, Ohio; Lacy T. Edwards, HMC, from Reserve Training Command, Sacramento, California; and Charles R. Branch, Bob L. Carpenter, Jay S. Chaney, James S. McCollum, Gerald A. Quint, and Calvin F. Webster, all HA's from Corps School, San Diego, California.

Detached were: Captain Emory L. Dravo, to inactive duty; LTJG's Ray C. Standish, Gordon C. Cooley, Edmund H. Lange, and Robert E. Oslar, all Dental Corps, to Naval Dental School, Bethesda, Maryland; Robert J. Bridges, HN, to USNH, Mare Island, California, and Dale V. Backer, HM3, to Receiving Station, Treasure Island, California.

Hostess, at evening party: "What! Leaving already, professor? And must you take your dear wife with you?"

Professor: "Indeed, I'm sorry to say that I must."

"I see by the papers that nine professors and one student were killed in the wreck."

"Poor chap."

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 19 February

CHAIN LIGHTNING (Drama) with Humphrey Bogart, Eleanor Parker, Raymond Massey, Richard Whorf and James Brown. "Bogart meets Miss Parker in London during the war, is unsuccessful in seeking his superior's permission to marry her and is transferred back to the States. Some years later he accepts a job from manufacturer Massey as test pilot for a new jet plane. Miss Parker turns out to be a secretary to Massey. Whorf is also in love with the girl. Complications follow."

Monday, 20 February

SAINTED SISTERS (Comedy) with Veronica Lake, Joan Caulfield, and Barry Fitzgerald. "A replay with no available information."

Tuesday, 21 February

BLOSSOMS IN THE DUST (Drama) with Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon. "A reissue. The story of Fort Worth's Edna Gladney and her life of devotion to the foundlings of her community, the state, and the world."

Wednesday, 22 February

MULE TRAIN (Melodrama) with Gene Autry, Sheila Ryan, and John Miljan. "Natural cement is discovered in the west by Judd and Smokey. Brady attempts to jump their claim by having woman Sheriff Bannister evict Judd. Meanwhile Smokey has shown the cement to his friend Marshal Autry, who takes him to a town meeting which is planning a much needed dam. Brady attempts to contest this action. The Sheriff's posse goes after Judd again for shooting at deputies. Before he is killed Judd deeds the cement land to Smokey. Autry and Smokey keep his death secret to stall the efforts to contest title to the land. When the committee decides to use the cement for the dam, Brady refuses to allow his mule train to carry it. Dynamite and mules cause many complications."

Thursday, 23 February

MASTERMINDS (Comedy) with Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall, and Gabriel Dell. "No available information."

Friday, 24 February

WOMAN IN HIDING (Drama) with Ida Lupino, Howard Duff, Stephen McNally, John Littel, and Peggy Dow. "The picture starts with a trick sequence—a young woman, Miss Lupino, her car careening wildly down a mountain road, is seen crashing into a river. Next morning, as the townspeople are searching for the body, there is a brief flashback to establish her husband, McNally, as her attempted murderer and the man who caused the death of her father to obtain possession of a mill. The picture picks up again with the victim escaping down the mountainside, and traveling incognito from town to town in order to escape her husband. She becomes friendly with Howard Duff, and when she finally entrusts him with her story he doesn't believe her, and calls her husband. The rest of the show is full of suspense."

Saturday, 25 February

SITTING PRETTY (Comedy) with Clifton Webb, Robert Young, and Maureen O'Hara. "A replay with no available information."

Bucs Replay NAS
Oakland, Vow Win

The Oak Knoll Pirates, idle during the past week, have two games scheduled for next week, Chaplain R. F. McComas, coach of the floundering Pirates, announced early this week.

The Pirates, who've lost fourteen games while winning only four, will meet for the second time one of the teams they've defeated in the past, NAS, Oakland. Previously having defeated the Fliers on the 14 of December by the score of 55 to 27, the Bucs hope for a repeat performance and will enter the fray with the odds and hopes on their side. The league game will be played on the Alameda court, Tuesday, 21 February beginning at 1930.

For their second game of the week, the Pirates will meet the Armstrong College five of Berkeley Thursday night on the Collegiates' home court. Bucking an unknown strength, the Bucs still have high hopes of coming out on top, in spite of the rumor that their ace forward, Johnny Carsten may not be able to play because of his pending discharge.

Transportation will be furnished to and from each game for all wishing to see the encounters. Departure times will be furnished at either the Chaplain's office or the Oak Leaf.

Baseball, Softball
Sign-up Is Slow

Plans for baseball and softball teams to represent this station are still going ahead, but at a very slow pace, Chaplain R. F. McComas, officer in charge of the teams, announced this week.

While many men have expressed a desire to have a baseball team, few have shown interest enough to sign up and make this possible. Only twelve men have signed up for baseball to date, and only six have expressed a willingness to play softball. Time limit for submitting names, originally scheduled to end yesterday, has been extended until next Friday, 24 February, to allow all who wish to sign up an extra chance to do so.

Names may be submitted to either the Chaplain, his yeoman, or to the Oak Leaf, with position, number of years' experience, and present detail being included.

First burglar: "Where've you been?"

Second burglar: "I've been robbing fraternity houses."

First same: "Lose anything?"

The Sporting Scene

By Armed Forces Press Service

Let's talk about some of the most momentous upsets which have shocked the American sports scene in the past half-century. A poll was recently taken among sports writers by the Associated Press and here's how the scribes voted:

Through
Oak Knoll's
Alleys

With Tom Cat

It seems that the sunshine is back to stay at Oak Knoll—at least for a little while. Anyway, the starboard watch is praying that it will continue to hang around until this coming week end. And who can blame them? We may be sailors at this base, but there's enough water in the ocean to last all hands for the rest of their lives . . . if they want it.

I understand that Jack Thompson is writing a song entitled "She's just a Moonshiner's Daughter, but I love her still."

Yarber, have you been complaining about having three teeth pulled the other day? Haven't you heard, my boy, that you must be true to your teeth, or they will be false to you. Or weren't you true to your boxing instructor's lessons?

Has anyone noticed how the number of cars in the HCQ parking lot has been increasing lately. There're plenty of smooth jobs, but the one that caught my eye was really a "Hupmobile." It has three speeds. Pull, push, and coast. Need I mention names . . .

Will someone please comment on "Stretch" Holbrook's new shirt before he drives us nuts with hints? Thanks.

Is the pay line just naturally slow, or do the snails pass us because Hason likes to talk with the enlisted females? Give us a break, Lover, and at least wait until after working hours.

Riddle of the week: "Why is money like a secret?" Because it's hard to keep. Allah, Allah, Allah!

Did anyone else hear Burroughs make this statement. "I started out to leave my footprints in the sands of time, but wound up with my fingerprints on the Police Station blotter."

Who tacked the sign up on 45A's bulletin board . . . Green trading stamps with every tonsillectomy?

Poor little Allen had some trouble with his tongue last Friday night. While trying to tell the corpsmen that it was time to turn the lights out, he managed this little conversation. "2200. Lights on; radio off . . . er, lights off, radios on . . . er, er, Aw Hell, go to sleep!"

First, came the Boston Braves' astounding victory over the Athletics in the 1914 World Series. On July 19 of that year the Braves were hanging on in last position in the National League—11½ games behind the league-leading New York Giants. The next day, after being in the cellar for 97 of the season's first 100 days, they crawled out of the dungeon and began to roll.

Less than two months later, on Sept. 8, they took over first place!

Then they went on to win the league pennant by 10½ games. It was the modern Boston team's first pennant; up to that time they had been strictly a second division club.

But the best was yet to come. Piloted by "Miracle Man" George Stallings, the Braves went on to wallopp the famed Athletics, American League champs, in four straight games of a sensational World Series.

Second most epic upset on the list was Gene Tunney's victory over Jack Dempsey in their first fight for the heavyweight title at Philadelphia in 1926.

Next came little Centre College's dramatic 6-0 triumph over Harvard in 1921.

Trailing these first three choices the 361 sports writers listed as major upsets:

Jim Braddock's "Cinderella Man" victory over Max Baer for the heavyweight championship in June, 1935.

Man o' War's defeat by Upset at Saratoga Springs in 1919—the only loss by the great thoroughbred in a 21-race career.

Max Schmeling's 12-round knockout of the rising Joe Louis in 1936.

And, going furthest back in years, Notre Dame's 35-13 football victory over Army in 1913. That was the year Knute Rockne and Gus Dorais introduced the Cadets to aerial warfare.

Trailing the list of upsets were Dempsey's three-round slaughter of Jess Willard in 1919, Holy Cross' 55-12 football blackout of unbeaten Boston College in 1942 and Navy's 21-20 gridiron tie with Army in 1948.

Wife: "Why didn't you put the cat out as I asked you?"

Professor: "But, dear, I did. Ye Gods!! It must have been the baby."

"Why didn't you shave this morning?"

"I thought I did, but there were twelve of us using the same mirror and I must have shaved some other guy."

Earth Formed From Dust; Scientists Now Say

By Armed Forces Press Service

Scientists busy with myriad experiments have still found time to develop a new theory concerning the origin of the earth.

This new hypothesis is contrary to the presently accepted theory that the earth began as a molten mass possibly thrown off from the sun. The new belief holds that the planet was formed at a very low temperature from a dust cloud about two billion

years ago.

Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel prize-winning chemist who offered the new theory, explained further that heat generated by radioactive materials in the dust created the physical exterior of the planet—the great continental land masses and the mountain ranges. This process he believes is still going on.

This material remained in a homogeneous clump for a billion years, Dr.

Urey added. Finally the radioactive heat melted the iron and it flowed to the center of the globe to form the heavy dense core. Lighter material now making up the earth's crust were displaced from the center to the surface.

Water vapor existed in the original dust cloud as gigantic rain, hail and snow storms, and later condensed to form the seas.

Simple!



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Saturday, 25 February, 1950

Dr. Traut of U. C. Lectures to Staff



Dr. Herbert Traut, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of California Medical School, was a guest speaker here on February 14, when he discussed the "Diagnosis of the Early Uterine Cancer." Preceding the lecture, which was presented as a part of the Basic Science course for medical officers under instruction, Dr. Traut was a dinner guest at the Officers' Club. He is pictured here with Captain Percy B. Gallegos, Head of the Department of Obstetrics; Captain Morris M. Rubin, Chief of the Dependents' Service, and Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer.

Here Are Winners in ARC Model Show



Blue ribbons and prizes were awarded to four patients Monday evening in the model exhibit. These awards were given to the best entries in land, air, sea, and special categories. Winners who are pictured above are: Irvin Reimer, Vet, 43B, for his Buick in the special class; Eugene Gantt, ME3, 70B, for his airplane; James Anderson, AD3, 42A, for his oil tanker; and Donald Nielson, AD3, 54, for his ace hot rod. Judges were: LT R. L. Thompson from Welfare and Recreation; Miss Lenore Andrews from Occupational Therapy; and Frank V. Flesher, EM2, patient from 41A. The prizes presented were large models of a chuck wagon, a covered wagon, and two riggers.

Earl Olinger, AA, from 75A, won favorable mention for his racer as did Inus Marshall, FN, from 63B, for his ship.

Progress Tests, USAFI and G.E.D. Ready at ESO

Educational services have been moved to the topside of Building No. 32, and the office is ready for complete coverage of questions pertaining to educational opportunities in the Navy, LTJG D. R. Stutler, director, and his assistant, W. M. Hendry, HMC, announced early this week.

The department, formerly located in Building 133, was moved to its new location in early January to make room for the Physical Evaluation Board for the 12th and 13th ND.

The building is open every weekday from 0800 to 1630 to accommodate all who wish to take progress tests for rate advancement, and those who want information concerning USAFI, the G.E.D. test, and other matters concerning high school or college training.

Courses available are agriculture, social studies, literature, history, mathematics, electrical and other vocational studies.

Staff members may check out books at any time for a refresher in any subject without signing up for the classes, Hendry further announced. This means that if one has taken the subjects in high school, but has forgotten some of the high

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Armed Forces Day Set For May 20

The first Armed Forces Day will be observed throughout the Nation on May 20, the Department of Defense announced today.

The third Saturday in May was selected by Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, and approved by President Truman, as Armed Forces Day to replace the days formerly observed by the individual services.

Community observances, locally sponsored, will mark the 1950 recognition and appreciation day for the armed services. "Teamed for Defense" has been designated the official slogan for the day.

Familiarization of the public with the state of the nation's defense will be emphasized.

Troop and equipment participation will be provided to as many communities as possible. The national allocation of Naval vessels, plus certain types of aircraft and airborne troops, will be made to assure participation of personnel and equipment in as many cities as possible.

Reserve forces and civilian components will be encouraged to participate actively in observance of the day.

Red Cross Drive Starts March 1; Our Goal

On 1 March some 1,500,000 American Red Cross volunteers in cities and towns across the nation will begin the task of raising \$67,000,000 for Red Cross services to the American people next year.

In announcing the goal for the 1950 campaign, General George C. Marshall, new Red Cross president, pointed out that the estimated cost of the Red Cross program for the 1950-51 fiscal year actually totals \$79,000,000. Rigid economies and the application of \$12,000,000 from almost depleted surpluses have enabled the organization to hold its request down to \$67,000,000.

"Lower operating budgets will not affect the essential services of the Red Cross," General Marshall said.

Oak Knoll's Quota \$1000

Oak Knoll's quota in the drive has been set at \$1000, according to LCDR R. F. McComas, CHC, USN, whose committee of 21 staff officers, enlisted men, and civilians met last week to make plans for the drive.

At this hospital, where Red Cross services are a part of the daily schedule of activities, the value of Red Cross is well-known, but there are few who realize the extent of its work. Statistics compiled recently in the office of Miss Marie Adams, Oak Knoll's ARC Field Director, reveal that during the past year 2,602 patients and staff members were assisted with personal and family problems by professional case workers. They were assisted over a considerable period of time, while 6,594 patients and staff were aided for brief periods. On the wards and in the Red Cross lounge 4,559 recreational activities were planned and conducted in the wards and recreation building, and individual recreation was provided for 2,612 patients. Movies shown on the wards totaled 910.

Gray Lady Services

Approximately 190 Volunteer Gray Ladies from Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda chapters gave 13,218 hours of service, and several hundred other volunteers gave assistance with entertainment and instruction and acted as hostesses. The three local chapters also prepared 494,636 surgical dressings for hospital use.

participate actively in observance of the day. The Department of Defense will seek assistance from national headquarters of leading civic, veterans, women's, labor, and religious organizations requesting their endorsement of the occasion and fostering local participation by member chapters, clubs, and posts.

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American Red Cross Articles of Faith

We Believe that might can never be the measure of the right nor can the end be used to justify the means.

We Believe that strength was given us to succor and to shield the weak; to lighten the burden of the sick at heart; to teach all who wish to learn the simple skills with which to aid themselves and others.

We Believe that all children of this earth are brothers and we shall not recognize any barriers of race, color, class or creed to set them apart, one from the other.

We Believe that equal opportunity must be afforded for each to share in the fruitfulness of this world and each, according to his ability, to share in its burdens.

We Believe that kindness and mercy and understanding will grow—must grow—that this planet may be a place for children and their children's children to live in peace and security.

We Believe that each must have a chance to contribute what he wills to this new world, this fitter measure to his dream.

We Believe that as each one of us has a share in the America we know and hope to shape, so each of us now must strive to save those simple human values which give dignity to man and to life, its meaning.

For these beliefs and to those ends we pledge our time, our efforts, and our worldly goods. . . .

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

In the Church's history is a touching and beautiful tradition that has come down to us from Apostolic times. It is reputed that the first person to retrace the "Via Crucis," the path saturated with the precious blood of Our Saviour, from the Pretorium of Pilate to the Rocky mount of Calvary was Christ's own mother Mary.

Our Holy Bible gives us an account of the way of the cross. The cross is a traditional symbol of the Christian faith. Cemeteries throughout the world give monumental proof that many believe in a hereafter. Paul when speaking about the risen Christ said that if Christ be not risen then our faith is in vain. Christians believe in the Resurrection. But even before the great fact of Easter, monumental history shows that other peoples believed in a hereafter. In Egypt the pyramids along the Nile River contain symbols. Alongside the tombs are to be found vases for food. Those people placed them there thousands of years ago in the hopes that the departed would receive sustenance.

In closing I want to tell about another symbol, a symbol of sacrifice. The union of a soldier's heart and mind with the Suffering Saviour on the Way of the Cross, expressed in a little poem of eight couplets. Many of you World War I men know it well.

Joyce Kilmer in World War I tells of a long march of a doughboy over the hot roads of France, with burning feet, shoulders sore from the weight of an infantryman's heavy pack, a nine pound rifle bruising his hand, his face wet with the salty sweat he could not wipe away, his senses shocked by the shouts and blasphemies of those about him. See how his Saviour marches with him in the poem that arises from the innermost soul of a serious soldier.

My shoulders ache beneath my pack
(Lie easier, Cross upon His back)
I march with feet that burn and smart
(Tread, Holy Feet upon my heart)

Men shout at me who may not speak
(They scourged thy back and smote thy cheek)
I may not lift my hands to clear,
my eyes of salty drops that sear
(Then shall my fickle soul forget,
Thy Agony of Bloody Sweat?)

My rifle hand is stiff and numb
(From Thy pierced palm red rivers come)
Lord, Thou didst suffer more for me
Then all the hosts of land and sea.

So let me render back again
This millionth of thy gift. Amen.

Francis J. Klass.

Red Cross Ramblings

A big canasta tournament has just been concluded on 75A and here are the winners! Laurence Coomes, BM3!!! and B. C. Nevins, RDSA!!! How about a tournament in the Red Cross lounge—say, next Friday afternoon March 3rd? We'll have a good prize! Enter your name by Thursday. You may enter as individuals or partners.

Something new was added Thursday evening at the valentine party in the Red Cross lounge. Instead of the usual recordings used for the dancing, a real live orchestra of nine young players entertained. They were so well liked, we have signed them up for March 2. So remember the return engagement of Mrs. Bright and her Nine Teens March 2!

The hostesses from the Y. W. C. A. Blue Triangle Club in Oakland contributed several numbers to the orchestral entertainment. Jeannie Le Master did an interpretive tap dance; Shirley Smith and Louise Rossi each sang a solo with Pam Eddie at the piano. Very special treats all the way around! Now we hope the patients will present the entertainment at our next party. Turn-about and all that!

Because it was a valentine party, the Richmond hostesses each came with a rose corsage. They also presented Mrs. Uttrich, staff worker, and Miss Calahan, volunteer Gray Lady, with lovely rose corsages as valentine gifts. Mary Ferguson did the honors.

Red Cross crafts were introduced on 42B this week. Mrs. Treece, Gray Lady, was most popular and busy as she introduced the patients to the arts of leather work, copper work, ship models, shell jewelry, and various other crafts.

Scott Davis, marine on ward 43A, has come up with a new variation of canasta especially adapted for two players, which speeds up the game and makes it closer in the score. The cards are cut high or low for the deal. The dealer goes down with a closed hand and his opponent goes down with an open hand. The next hand is vice versa; the other deals with the same set-up. Then the next hand, both hands are played open. The fourth hand is played closed by both players. Then, if the game isn't ended, players start over again with same closed and open routine. All through this game, the player who is playing a closed hand may pick up the top discard only, and use in his hand. When both go down closed, both can pick up the top discard without picking up the whole pack. This opens the possibilities of innumerable variations.

Donald Staight, corpsman on 46B, has introduced the game of Mah Jong, an old Chinese game. Donald was born and reared in the Philippines and from the time he could remember, his mother gave Mah Jong parties. He learned to play this difficult game as a boy. Now, on 46B, he has taught the game to Raymond B. Ingles, FN, Billy Burress, FN, and Max E. Ryan, FA.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

12 February

SOUTHWICK, Michael Lynn, to wife of Leonard Southwick, AM2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

STACY, Rickie Lee, to wife of Al Stacy, PFC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

MARQUETTE, Mark John, to wife of Jacob Marquette, M/SGT, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

SHACKELFORD, Lynne Louise, to wife of Theodore Shackelford, TMC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

MICHEL, Sharon Carol, to wife of Paul Michel, LCDR, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

SHEPHERD, Elaine Camille, to wife of Donald Shepherd, PN3, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

NEWKIRK, Terry Lee, to wife of Arthur Newkirk, Sgt, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

LYNCH, Michael Thomas, to wife of Paul Lynch, HMC, 7 pounds.

13 February

EVANS, Baby Boy, to wife of Cleveland Evans, AM2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

FARMER, Sandra Louise, to wife of Ernest Farmer, AEIC, (Ret.), 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

WEININGER, Baby Girl, to wife of John Weininger, LTJG, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

JACKSON, Timothy Wayne, to wife of Leon Jackson, AOC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

14 February

RUSSELL, Frank Ashby, to wife of George Russell, LTJG, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

GOODING, Gerald Earl Jr., to wife of Gerald Gooding, AE3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

MORRIS, David Ross, to wife of Owen Morris, HM2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

HARMON, Charles Frederick, to wife of Frederick Harmon, ADC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

15 February

HEREFORD, Baby Boy, to wife of Drew D. Hereford III, YN2, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

McFARLAND, Baby Girl, to wife of Fred McFarland, AD1, 7 pounds.

KOFNOVEC, Donna Ann, to wife of Robert Kofnovec, AL2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

POCKL, Karen, to wife of Robert Pockl, SN, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

WILLIAMS, Baby Girl, to wife of Stephen Williams, SD1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

16 February

MOROTTI, Baby Boy, to wife of Angelo Morotti, AT1, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

SMITH, Baby Boy, to wife of J. B. Smith, SC2, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

FITZGERALD, Pauletta Gaybell, to wife of Paul E. Fitzgerald, SN, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

MURRAY, Donald Joe, to wife of Robert K. Murray, MM2, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

STEWART, Baby Boy, to wife of Roy Stewart, AMC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

PHELPS, Baby Boy, to wife of Ernest Phelps, ME2, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

17 February

HALEY, Steven Lee, to wife of Ira Lee Haley, SA, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

VINSON, Jon James, to wife of Albert Vinson, 1st LT, (MC), 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

JOHNSON, Glenn Allen, to wife of Gordon Johnson, SH3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

AUSANO, Jerry Allen, to wife of Paul Ausano, MMC, 5 pounds.

18 February

BAILEY, Michael Eugene III, to wife of Michael E. Jr., SN, 7 pounds.

ALDEA, Carol Lee, to wife of Daniel Aldea, AM1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Dr. Stern to Address Staff

Dr. Curt Stern, Professor of Zoology at the University of California, will speak to staff medical officers here Tuesday night at 7:30. His subject is "Human Genetics."

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930

Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)

1150, Saturday Mass 1150.

Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested

attending religious services, contact

Chaplain's office, phone extension 181.

The Field Representative of the National

Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service

Dept., is in attendance on the hospital

compound once a week. Men desiring to

see him should contact the Chaplain's

office.

Who's Who . . .

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, Dick Bartley, HN, moved to Ione, California, before enlisting in Stockton in September 1948. Dick was an ambulance operator before signing in; so it is not surprising that he chose the Hospital Corps for his branch of the Navy.

Currently spending his duty hours on 40A, Dick dispenses with his spare time occupations with the simple phrase, "Ain't got none." However, when pressed for information, he admitted that photography is his hobby, and bowling, swimming, pool, and tennis are favorite extra-curricular activities.



From the sunny streets of Louisville, Kentucky, comes William A. Mullen, HA, of 40B. Bill enlisted there on July 5, 1948, and after spending some time at the "Hotel USNTC" and Corps School in San Diego, arrived at Oak Knoll in January of the following year.

Although he has a very unique hobby (unmentionable), Bill's spare time is occupied for the most part by sleeping to rest up for playing baseball, and by playing baseball to get tired so he can sleep.

Almost any sport is interesting to W. E. Commean, HA, but swimming has preference over all others, in his estimation.

Commean hails from Du Quoin, Illinois, but enlisted in St. Louis, Missouri, on 16 November 1948. Before joining, he worked as a lab tech in a coal mine, testing samples and carrying little canaries around to see if there was any poison gas.

Currently working nights on 50A, Commean arrived here in July 1949 and spends the majority of his off-duty hours either sleeping or playing cards.

A cook before entering the service, Mark E. Fulwider, HA, of Pediatrics somehow became intrigued with the Hospital Corps and came into those ranks after signing on.

Fulwider was born in Oklahoma and following the loyalty all natives have toward the Sooner State, remained there to enlist in December 1947. He arrived at Oak Knoll in June 1948.

One of the first to sign up for Oak Knoll's baseball team, Mark enjoys reading and bowling when not busy with his duties.

Waves' Woes

By Fluffe Offe

The rush of men to our abode suddenly cooled off—could be the television set was moved to an "out of bounds to you hounds" spot? Will admit it was a bit of competition.

Our best wishes to Flora Wright, on her coming marriage. Just wonder what's up—couldn't possibly be spring in February. But then, this is California. Looks as though Oak Knoll's girlie Navy has gone manie.

A speedy recovery to Lou Moore. Certainly do miss her—

Robbie is still on the sick list, but holding her own, and managed a trim hair set the other day.

Speaking of hairdo's—in case anyone needs a bang trim, 69A is the spot. But please, not bits of locks all over the place.

Was quite a thing to find MAA Green banging on the door, and wearing out the buzzer the other night—see, it can happen to any one.

Ann, what's become of that handsome pin-up man of yours? Sure leaves one big empty spot, or does it?

Going to miss Wanda Jones, who became a civvie recently, and Catherine Gass (Kay), who was switched to Memphis, Tennessee. Best, but belated, wishes to both.

Living my shell-like life, doesn't leave me much more to tidbit on, Will drag myself out, and promise to be in the midst of every juicy bit for some lowdowns, and make it worth the two cents you don't pay for this paper.

Coming future attractions: Parade of the raincoats, minus the stuffing, unless we get some sunny weather, and money to shove 'em off to the Cleaners.

Welcome and Farewell

The census of Oak Knoll remained the same during the week of February 15 to 22 despite the transfer of ten persons to and from this base during that time. Received aboard were Robert W. Hasbrook, HMC, from USNH, Coco Solo, Canal Zone; Tommy R. Branch, HM3, from USNH, San Diego; Dewitt Sullivan and Darwin R. Solum, both HNs, from USNH, Mare Island; CDR Leo W. Olechowski, from Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; and LTJG Charles E. Bancroft from FAS SQD. III, NAAS, Miramar, San Diego.

Being detached were ENS Anna Rirrardi to USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; ENS Mary McCarthy to USNH, Pensacola, Florida; Catherine G. Gass, HM2 (W), to NAS, Memphis, Tennessee; Dewey J. Rhodes, HM3, to 50 Fell street, San Francisco, California; and Leslie V. Lahmon, HMC, to Treasure Island, California.

Henry: "That gal with the big lungs sure laughed at my gags. Did you see her bust out?"

Harry: "No, darn it, I was sitting behind her."

Three slightly deaf men were journeying towards London in an old, noisy car. As they neared a city, one asked, "Is this Wembley?"

"No," replied the second, "It's Thursday."

"So am I," put in the third, "Let's stop and have one."

Newest Nurse Corps Indoctrinees Class



Latest indoctrinees to don the Navy Nurse Corps uniform here are: left to right, Ensigns Carolyn L. Hochuli, Mary T. Duhamel, and Ruth Ann Cunha. Upon completion of their training in Naval Hospital procedures, they will be assigned to ward duty here. LT Edna M. Stutler, right, is their instructor.

Petty Officer Rating Exams

Navy Has New Promotion System

By Armed Forces Press Service

Service-wide competitive examinations for advancement to third, second and first class petty officer ratings will be given semi-annually starting July 1, the Bureau of Naval Personnel has announced. Navy-wide competitive examinations for advancement to chief petty officer will continue to be given annually as at present.

In two directives, BuPers Circ. Ltrs. 12-50 and 13-50 (NDB, 31 Jan 1950), instructions are outlined for rating advancements and change in rating of enlisted personnel as well as change in status to permanent appointment of CPOs of the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve, regularly assigned on active duty.

The Navy-wide tests will replace the present area-conducted examinations.

The new system is "designed to provide a controlled system by which each and every enlisted person will have recurrent opportunities to compete for advancement in the individual's chosen field of work."

First of the twice yearly examinations are scheduled to be conducted throughout the Navy as follows:

1. For Pay Grade E-4 (petty officer third class)—Monday, July 10.

2. For Pay Grade E-5 (petty officer second class)—Monday, July 17.

3. For Pay Grade E-6 (petty officer first class)—Monday, July 24.

BuPers will control the number of advancements, by rates and pay grades. This replace the present system of area commanders having such control based upon allotments made to them by BuPers.

"Vacancies in individual ship or station allowances have not been made a factor for advancement so that full benefits of competition may be attained," states BuPers Circ Ltr. 12-50. The letter adds:

"The determining factor in advancing eligible candidates is the relative qualifications of each candidate."

Commanding officers may advance enlisted personnel to all petty officer ratings (except CPO) as result of service-wide tests on specific authority from the Naval Examining Cen-

ter, Norfolk, Va., where examination papers are mechanically graded.

In the case of advancement to CPO, COs may make advancements only on authority from the Chief of Naval Personnel as a result of the annual Navy-wide competitive exams.

After certain basic requirements are met COs, however, may continue to advance EMs in rating "without regard to vacancies in allowance" as follows:

1. From Pay Grade E-1 to Pay Grade E-2 (SR to SA or equivalent) upon completion of recruit training, or upon fulfillment of certain service requirements if not previously advanced;

2. From Pay Grade E-2 to Pay Grade E-3 (SA to SN or equivalent).

Waiting lists maintained by area commands for advancement to all petty officer ratings (except CPO) will be cancelled and ended as of July 1.

When the service-wide competitive examination system gets under way July 1, standard tests for the various ratings will be used.

Pending commencement of the Navy-wide exam system, the present area-wide competitive advancement system will remain in effect.

Repair Shop to Open

A watch repair center will be added to the facilities of the Navy Exchange Store, Mr. A. L. Smedberg, manager of the store, announced this week. The shop will be opened Monday, February 27.

The shop, a long desired service at this base, will be a welcome addition to the Navy Exchange services available to the personnel of this compound. It will be open for business during the regular hours of the store, 9 to 5.

Send Your Copy of THE OAK LEAF Home!

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 26 February
YOUNG MAN WITH A HORN (Musical) with Kirk Douglas, Lauren Bacall, Doris Day, Hoagy Carmichael, and Mary Beth Hughes. "Douglas is a lonely, misunderstood boy whose love for music surpasses everything else. He is befriended by a leader of a small band who through the years teaches him to play the trumpet. Later, as he grows up, he and Hoagy Carmichael, a piano player, become buddies, until he marries Miss Bacall, a neurotic socialite. The marriage breaks up, Douglas goes on the alcoholic trail and collapses completely. However, he makes the comeback and is united with Miss Day, who is in love with him all the time." WB—112 minutes.

Monday, 27 February
LADY LUCK (Comedy) with Robert Young, Frank Morgan and Barbara Hale. "A Replay with no available information." RKO—97 minutes.

Tuesday, 28 February
SIDE STREET (Melodrama) with Farley Granger and Cathy O'Donnell, James Jean Hayden. Joe, one of New York's temporary mailmen, stumbles on an office where a great deal of money is openly displayed. Joe decided to steal the money, the first he saw, for his wife and expectant child, but becomes frightened after he discovers the size of the theft and leaves the package in trust with Nick, a saloon owner, for future delivery.

Wednesday, 1 March
WEST OF WYOMING (Western), Johnny Mack Brown and Max Terhune. "A New Release not reviewed as yet." MONO—57 minutes.

Thursday, 2 March
BLACK HAND (Drama) with Gene Kelly, J. Carrol Naish, Teresa Celli, and Marc Lawrence. "In 'Little Italy' (New York) in the early 1900's, Kelly is a young lad and his father is murdered by the Underworld. Kelly returns to Italy where his mother dies, then comes back to America some years later determined to wipe out this scourge. He is threatened, beaten and discouraged. Finally persuades Naish, a detective, to work with him. The climax finds Kelly in the hands of the criminals, but he is freed in the exciting sequence which results in the death of the ring-leaders." MGM—93 minutes.

Friday, 3 March
NANCY GOES TO RIO (Musical) with Ann Sothern, Jane Powell, Barry Sullivan and Carmen Miranda. "Miss Sothern is the Broadway stage star; Miss Powell, her daughter with ambitions for a theatrical career, and Sullivan, the man with whom they are both in love. When Sullivan first meets Miss Powell en route to Rio he hears her mumbling something about approaching motherhood from a play and believes she is pregnant. His fatherly aid is mistaken for love by the young girl, and when he meets her mother she, too, falls in love." MGM—99 minutes.

Saturday, 4 March
WALKING HILLS (Desert Melodrama) with Randolph Scott, Ella Raines, William Bishop, Edgar Buchanan, Arthur Kennedy, John Ireland and Jerome Courtland. "A Replay with no available information." COL—78 minutes.

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

With Tom Cat

Move it over, men, Mare Island is coming aboard! From across the bay come the corpsmen and patients we've all been waiting for. A hearty "Welcome aboard and smooth sailing with quick recovery" to all.

If it takes practice to become a baseball player, Boucha and Hunter are in like Flynn. They even practice to and from the messhall.

Shame on Quigley. He missed muster the other night . . . at the "Little Hay Hut," that is.

I'm still wondering if McGuire was holding reveille the other morning or if he was calling his cows in to milk. Another thing about Tom. Since he's switched from days to nights, he's complaining that he's unable to get any shut-eye. Says Tom, "Back home in Tennessee, Ah nevah did sleep durin' the (spit) daytime in mah (spit) life." Anybody got a towel? He may be a good shot with that bug juice, but I never feel safe around him until I hear that "Dinnnnnggg" that announces a direct hit.

Yeager has come up with a unique idea on how to make a fortune overnight. He's going to start a Taxi service from the bottom of the hill to the quarters. All in favor say aye and get in line behind me.

Passing reverie: God made the Earth and rested. God made man and rested. Then God made woman . . . since then, no one has rested.

That's an expensive bruise Wiedman has been wearing on his nose lately. I hear it cost him some five hundred dollars, considering repairs on his little blue Ford. Moral: Everyone likes to dream of curves, but when you're driving, you don't have to dream.

Hear tell that Hasson is going on night duty. We're going to miss him, but good luck. Boy, what a taut night crew we'll have now.

RAGG MOPP!!

Educational Services

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spots, he may check out a book and study in his spare time to refresh his memory on the subject.

Although some schools will not accept the results of the General Educational Development Test towards graduation, they are always good for in-service purposes. The test can be taken any time at the Educational Services office, and if the person taking it wants it to apply on his high school diploma, the staff will aid him in writing the principal of his school to ascertain the possibilities of such an action.

Courses of USAFI (United States Armed Forces Institute) may also be started at the office. These will apply on a high school or college education, provided school authorities approve.

Further information concerning the opportunities available will be furnished to anyone applying at the office.

Minister (from pulpit): "Those in the habit of putting buttons in the collection plate will please use their own buttons and not those from the cushions."

'Iron Men' down Bucs NSC FIVE WINS, 80-51

Five men from the Naval Supply Center in Oakland turned in the Iron Man stunt Tuesday night when they defeated the Oak Knoll Pirates, 80-51. Each of the men played a full forty minutes of basketball, and with only three time outs in the four quarter game, it was indeed a display of iron men.

The Bucs were originally scheduled to play the Oakland Naval Air Station team, but when the Fliers forfeited, arranged for a game with the NSC.

Leading the winner's attack was Vernie Belt, a tall, lanky forward who swished baskets with the precision of a machine for a grand total of thirty-five points. Of his total, nine were made at the free throw line in ten attempts.

"Little John" Leland and Bob Worsham led the Pirates with ten points apiece. Leland, who played only during the final quarter, became a ball of fire during that time, and with aggressive floor work and an uncanny knack of hitting the basket threatened to turn the tide of victory in favor of the Pirates.

Johnny Carsten began the scoring and Bob Worsham followed to give the Bucs their longest lead of the game, 4 to 0. Belt then sank the first of his many, Connie Ervin, a flashy forward who seemed to be holding himself in check, made another two points and Frank Yelich, a giant center who deserved his nickname of Moose, put the Iron Men ahead with the first of his twenty-two points. Four foul shots by Belt and another field goal by Yelich passed before Bob Cooper again put the Pirates on the score board with a whirling hook shot from the key. The first quarter ended with the Supply Center holding a 17 to 6 lead.

Worsham began the scoring in the second quarter with a two handed set shot. Belt, Ervin, and Yelich countered quickly, however, to boost the winner's lead to 29-8 before Worsham and Keene switched three baskets apiece to make the score 33 to 18. Felix Dominguez, shortest man on the Center's team, joined the scoring at that point with two long set shots from mid court, and with Belt and Yelich contributing fourteen and nine points respectively, ran the half time score to 44-23.

In the third quarter, the Bucs dropped the furious assault they had during the second quarter and began playing a slower style of ball. Feeding well and working the ball in nicely, the lack of shooting control showed especially as the Bucs again and again missed set-ups and "crips." The tiring Supplymen were only too happy to slow down, too, but still managed to pour twenty points through the hoop to hold a 64-35 advantage at the end of the third quarter. It was during the third quarter that Ervin contributed to the belief that he was holding himself in check. With unconscious ease and without apparently sighting, he'd throw the ball toward the net and watch as it sank through.

All points for the Pirates in the fourth quarter were made by the two smallest men on the team, D. B. Sumerlin and J. H. Leland. Known for their fighting qualities, the two atoms suddenly went wild shooting and switched baskets for sixteen points, Leland taking ten to tie for high honors and Sumerlin potting six.

Bob Worsham, who tied for scoring

honors with a deadly two-handed set shot, led the Bucs' floor game, but Keene, with eight points, and J. J. Lalla contributed heavily.

Although he didn't score a point (he only tried three shots), Al Rangan played a magnificent defensive game for the Iron Men as he time after time thwarted stolen ball tricks and swept the backboard.

Baseball Rolling

With 38 men having signed up to play baseball and softball, practice will begin for both, on or about the 16th of March, Chaplain R. F. McComas, coach for the two teams announced this week.

Two games with Moffett Field are already scheduled on a home and home basis, the first on March 21 at Moffett Field, and the second a week later at this base.

Although uniforms and equipment are not on hand at the present time, they will be obtained if enough interest is shown to make it practicable. LT R. L. Thompson, officer in charge of welfare and recreation, said. Equipment will not be checked out to individuals, however, because of the poor response last year when persons with articles checked out were asked to turn them in so the softball team could have something to practice with.

Practices for the team will be held from 1630 until 1800 every day of the week exclusive of the week ends. Games will be played as scheduled, beginning at 1530.

Former Pro Signs

The over-all picture of the baseball situation is pleasing, with the majority of those turning out having had at least 2 years previous experience. One man, Steve Tamborski, has played two years with the New York Giants' farm teams. During the 1947 season, he played with the Erie Pennsylvania class "D" club, where he batted at a .290 average for the season. In 1948, he was advanced to the class "C" Bristol, Virginia team where he hit for a .285 average.

Home games of the Pirates will be played on the southwest diamond of the athletic field. Although they are tentative at this time, plans are being made to level the right field area to a greater distance. At present, it is a heaven for all left-handed hitters with even a suggestion of power.

The clerk who issues pistol permits was a little startled when one of the applicants got tired of waiting and rushed out muttering something about having to use a knife instead.

"Yup," said the guide to the wide-eyed tourists, "Been many a person go up that thar mountain who h never been seen to come down."

"Gee, what happened to them?"

"Dunno . . . went down the other side, I reckon."



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Heads Navy Nurses



Commander Winnie Gibson (above) will become Director of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps on 1 May 1950, succeeding Capt. Nellie J. DeWitt. Commander Gibson, presently on duty at the Naval Medical Center at Guam, will be the second Navy Nurse to head the Corps.

Gingham & Dungarees Uniform for Dance

A Gingham and Dungaree dance has been scheduled for the Chief's Club on the night of Saturday 11 March. C. O. Martin, HMC, secretary-treasurer of the club announced early this week.

On 18 March a St. Patrick's Day dance will be held, honoring that dispenser of snakes and patron saint of all Irishmen. Although the dance will be held the day after his official day, green has still been designated as the predominating color expected at the party.

A dance band is hired every Saturday night to play for the Chief's Club. Chief Martin further announced. Hours for all weekly dances are from 2100 to 2400. The club is open from 1630 to 2400.

Millinery on Program For Officers' Wives

Here's news for officers and their pocketbooks! Each officers' wife who attends the 8 March meeting of the Wives' Club will have an opportunity to make her own spring hat!

A 12:30 luncheon at Villa de le Paix will open the afternoon's program, and following a demonstration of hat designing by a Standard Millinery Supply representative, each guest will make a hat for herself. A prize will be given for the best "creation."

O'Brien Number 9 Welcomed Aboard By All-Navy Family

It is hard to say whether Thomas O'Brien, who arrived here at 0530 Monday morning, caused more or less excitement than other tenants of the nursery. New babies are an old story in his family. But on the other hand not every young fellow has eight brothers and sisters waiting to welcome him home, to say nothing of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Thomas is the ninth child of LCDR and Mrs. Joseph E. O'Brien. Preceding him are Catherine, 12; Beatrice Ann, 10; Joseph, Jr., 8; Francis James, 7; Helen Patricia, 6; Margaret Mary, 5; Daniel, 3; and Michael, who was born at Oak Knoll 17 months ago. The family has lived at 1747 39th Avenue, San Francisco, since Mr. O'Brien retired from the Navy three years ago and accepted a position with a construction company.

Mrs. O'Brien is the former Katherine O'Neill, daughter of James O'Neill, who recently retired from his position as Superintendent of the Chemical Engineers at the U.S. Naval Engineering Experiment School after 35 years' service there. Her three brothers have all served as Naval officers, and six sisters are married to Naval Officers. The new baby is the forty-third grandchild for Mr. O'Neill. His father's forebears also followed the Navy tradition, having come from Ireland to fight in the American Revolution and give their name to the O'Brien destroyers.

Elks Give Hospital \$190 For Television



A welcome visitor last week was George H. Wigginton (left) of the California Bay District Elks' Veterans Service Committee, who came to the hospital to deliver a check for \$190 to be spent for a television set. On the receiving end is Captain J. N. C. Gordon, Executive Officer (right), and happily watching the check change hands is LT R. L. Thompson, Welfare and Recreation Officer, who will arrange for purchasing the TV set. Sixteen Elks' Lodges in the Bay District contribute to six service and veterans hospitals in the area, and Mr. Wigginton is chairman of the work for Oak Knoll.

Letter from Grateful Father Tells Story Of Child's "Hopeless" Illness—Recovery

A heart-warming story of a small child's recovery when all hope was gone is told in her father's letter, forwarded here recently by the Commandant, with his personal commendation to the Commanding Officer and doctors, nurses, and corpsmen responsible for the patient's care.

"It was one of those things doctors hope for but don't dare to expect," CDR Milton Kurzrok, head of the pediatrics department, said after reading the father's letter, excerpts of which are printed here:

"On 13 August 1949, Kathleen Sterling Flynn, my daughter, was admitted to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll, in an extremely critical condition resulting from an abscess within the spinal cord caused by a communicating congenital cyst.

"From 6 July 1949 until 13 August 1949, my daughter had been hospitalized in San Francisco, for diagnosis and possible surgical procedure. An exploratory operation into the spinal cord on 26 July located the abscess from which all possible infection was removed. However, the remaining infection spread to the extent that on 13 August, Kathleen's internal organs and extremities were paralyzed. With the infection and paralysis still rapidly spreading, I was notified by hospital authorities that her

case was hopeless and was given two alternatives: (a) To take her to my home in Pacific Grove to await her death within the next few weeks. (b) To take her to U.S. Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll, in the hope that through medical care there she might survive several months longer.

"During the period my daughter was hospitalized at Oak Knoll from 13 August 1949 until 14 November 1949, an unusual interest and effort was extended by all personnel associated with her case. An examination of her record will show that in this apparently hopeless case, the spread of infection and paralysis was rapidly arrested and overcome to the extent that on 14 November my daughter was released in a nearly normal condition. Since that time her improvement has continued.

"It is my belief that the life of my daughter was spared through the efforts and skill of the personnel within your command associated with her case. Since I am unable to express my gratitude to each one personally, it is my hope that this report to you may in some way speak for the outstanding performance of many doctors, nurses and corpsmen."

The letter is signed by LCDR Russell F. Flynn, USN, U.S. Naval School, Monterey, California.



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An EM Club—To Be or Not to Be

In the February issue of All Hands is a full-page picture story of NAS San Diego's Club White Hat—"newest and one of the finest bluejacket's clubs in the Navy."

This brings up again the question of an EM club for Oak Knoll. Welfare funds are available. The Commanding Officer has given his approval. Now all that is lacking is wholehearted response from staff personnel whom the club would benefit most. A recent questionnaire given out at muster to 400 hospital corpsmen and WAVEs sought suggestions concerning the type of equipment they wanted, what available building they considered most desirable, what activities should be planned—in other words, any information that would help the recreation committee make plans for a club that would best fill the needs of the enlisted men at this station.

Only a handful of questionnaires have come back to the Welfare and Recreation Office. Is this the extent of our interest in the much-discussed club? Are we not ready now to put this project across? It is not too late to submit your opinions and suggestions to the Welfare and Recreation Office. Put some thought on it. Talk it over with your buddies. Then hunt up the questionnaire, fill it out, and turn it in.

General Marshall's View of Red Cross

"There is so much about Red Cross work that appeals to the heart and soul that I find full recompense in the effort. And then, too, it is a great relief to be wholly engaged in a beneficent mission rather than in one that demands great human sacrifices and sufferings."

General George C. Marshall

President, American Red Cross

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Preaching is more than just the function of a Chaplain. By preaching, I do not mean merely a pronouncement from the pulpit upon a sacred theme, but rather the directing of the thoughts of man to God and His creation and His high purposes for man, who is the product of His creative genius.

"The most continuous preacher is the church building itself." When we think of our chapel and all it stands for, we can believe this. It is God's house and it reminds us continually of Him. It has no towering steeple, but its little spire is like a pointed finger directing our thoughts toward the infinite. It reminds us that regardless of how commendable we think we conduct ourselves before God and man, there is a more excellent way. It reminds us that we have not yet made manifest all that we shall be.

Our chapel is a building of beauty and dignity and it should be, but it does not add to the stature of our God. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. His blessings are not meted out to men in proportion to the beauty of the chapel in which men gather to worship Him. It is the attitude of mind and heart alone that count in a right relationship with God. Nevertheless, the chapel should have beauty and dignity. It should suggest the beauty of religion. It should make it easier in the atmosphere of such beauty to feel close to God and to feel our obligation before Him and our fellowmen. This is important, for in addition to the chapel preaching to you in this way, you in turn preach to the world. Prayer and Holy Communion are intensely personal acts of worship but they should also issue through you into a Christian proclamation to the world.

The chapel through her beauty and on the strength of what she represents, preaches to you. You in turn, through what you are, preach to mankind. God is working out His purpose for the world through you; therefore you owe it to yourself to make frequent use of the chapel if you are to be equal to this responsibility life places upon you.

Robert F. McComas
Chaplain, USN

Red Cross Ramblings

SPRING AND BASEBALL. This is not a sports column, but the patients on ward 41A and B had an experience the other day that whetted their anticipation of the coming baseball season as no amount of television interviews or movies could have done. Four promising players from the New York Yankees baseball team brought a film "How To Be A Yank!" answered questions, and visited with every fellow on the ward.

JERRY COLEMAN (who was voted the **MOST OUTSTANDING ROOMIE** of last year), **CHARLES SILVERA**, **BILL RENNA**, and **TOM KELLY** were the four visiting players, and all are native Californians. This week they leave for training in St. Petersburg, Florida. All are modest, friendly guys and said that they had a swell time talking over their service days with the Oak Knoll patients.

The Red Cross is indebted to Mrs. William Parker, Berkeley Gray Lady, who contacted the Yankee's West Coast Scout, Mr. **JOE DIVINE**—the noted oldtimer who arranged for the players to come out. We hear tell that there will be more such visits whenever possible!

INTRODUCING: CHARLES YOUNG, veteran, of ward 49B, who is a most versatile patient. Young, an ex-marine who saw duty at Saipan, Okinawa, and in China, wins our Man of the Week Vote as the busiest patient at Oak Knoll. Everything he does—he does well! Stamp collecting is Young's main interest but he also spends much time at the Red Cross Craft Shop and is particularly expert at pottery work (ceramics) and weaving. Also interested in music, He works hard at his Red Cross piano lessons!

JOHN EDWARDS, Pfc, USMC, from 45A, who has taken over the decorating in the Red Cross Lounge for the past month. Edwards weathered the Valentine Party decorations in fine style and received much admiring comment from the young lady guests. We hope he's going to be here long enough to help organize the St. Patrick's party which should be a nifty! Edward's talents also include most types of craft work and he is a dependable part of the Patient Recreation Committee in the Red Cross Lounge.

CANASTA BATTLERS: The Canasta tournament on ward 75A continues unabated with keen competition and every game closely contested to the final card. **THE WINNERS:** L. W. HEMSTOCK, SN, and L. H. COOMES, BM, (for the second time!). The following patients were among the runners up: J. C. TINKER, HN, T. B. FRANKLIN, HM3, J. L. TAYLOR, EN, and B. BRILL, BM2. Another tourney is already in progress.

Man: "Does John Jones, a student, live here?"

Landlady: "Well, Mr. Jones lives here, but I thought he was a night watchman."

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

19 February

WILKERSON, Ernest Roy, to wife Roy A. Wilkerson, AOC, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

HUTCHISON, Virginia Susan, to wife of Joseph Hutchison, T/Sgt, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

HARGRAVE, Baby Girl, to wife of William Hargrave LCDR, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

TANNER, William Calvin, to wife Charles Tanner, AMC, 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

DAVIS, Katherine Ann, to wife of Davis, SN, 7 pounds.

20 February

SANDERS, Baby Boy, to wife of Charles Sanders, RMC, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

DOZIER, Douglas William, to wife of William Dozier, ENS, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

MAYCOCK, John Alan, to wife of John Maycock, BTJ, 9 pounds 5 ounces.

NEELY, William Glenn, Jr., to wife of William Neely, SN, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

PHILLIPS, Baby Boy, to wife of James Phillips, AK3, 9 pounds.

KULOW, Linda Dawn, to wife of Erick Kulow, LTJG, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

21 February

ELWOOD, Jon Marshall, to wife of Elwood, TM1, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

HOLTON, Michael Anthony, to wife of Wallace Holton, ENS, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

BALESTRERI, Paul Vincent, to wife of George Balestreri, SH2, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

LAW, Craig Allen, to wife of Warren Law, SKC, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

22 February

MAIER, Edward Earl, to wife of Harold Maier, SN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

EMBERTON, Cathy Lynn, to wife of William Emberton, MMC, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

HULL, Susan Jane, to wife of George Hull, AD1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

TORRES, Baby Girl, to wife of E. fanio Torres, AD3, 4 pounds, 7 ounces.

BUZZELL, Linda Jeanne, to wife of Alexander Buzzell, SN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

SANDERS, James Coyne, to wife of James Sanders, PFC, 7 pounds, 13 1/2 ounces.

23 February

ACHTER, Linda Jean, to wife of Eugene Achter, ET3, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

FITCH, Gregory Lee, to wife of Lee Fitch, PFC, 4 pounds, 7 ounces.

KANE, Raymond Patrick, to wife of Raymond J. Kane, AF2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

GORDON, Robert Cochran III, to wife of Robert C. Gordon, Jr., CDR, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

EVANS, Richard, to wife of Tommy Evans, EM3, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.

24 February

LIGHT, Lon Edward, to wife of Ronald Light, LTJG, 6 pounds.

ROBINSON, Kenneth, to wife of Henry Robinson, SN, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

SCHWARTZ, Rebecca Gael, to wife of Peter Schwartz, LT, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

MARSTON, Billie Denise, to wife of Bernard Marston, ABC, 9 pounds.

HAWES, Robert Lee, to wife of Robert Hawes, MM3, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

LITTLE, Suzanne A., to wife of Nancy Little, ALC, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

25 February

FORD, Martha Ruth, to wife of Erick Ford, ME3, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

LA MAR, Nora Jeanne, to wife of La Mar, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

SPINDLER, Baby Girl, to wife of Thomas Spindler, LTJG, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

SMITH, Richard Michael, to wife of Richard Smith, GMC, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

HEINLEN, Pamela Sue, to wife of James Heinlen, AEC, 7 pounds 8 ounces.

★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact Chaplain's office, phone extension 184. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Who's Who . . .

Having been in the Navy six years (yesterday was his anniversary), Edward S. Wiedman, HN, has given conclusive proof that he is more than somewhat entranced by the glamour and excitement which surrounds that organization.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Wiedman moved to Washington D.C. to enlist on 3 March 1944. Following enlistment, he took both his Boot and Corps training at Bainbridge, Maryland.

With flying for a hobby, Wiedman naturally gets around quite a bit, although his quiet nature refuses to let him comment too much upon the fact.



Formerly a cadet 1st Lieutenant in the Army R.O.T.C., Gerald R. Ford, HM3, of Education Services got wise to himself in time and joined the Navy in his home town of Salt Lake City, Utah, on 11 June 1948.

Ford graduated from Corps School with an average of 100 for all subjects, which is good in any man's book.

He arrived at Oak Knoll on 12 November 1948.

He spent his spare time raising and training dogs before he joined the Navy. Now he studies philosophy, plays chess, and tennis, and goes to good movies.

Jack Vandenberg, HA, of 41B, left Ogden, Utah for the life of a bold, adventurous sailor when he enlisted in that city on 28 May 1949. Shipped to N.T.C. as his first duty station (where else?), he bore with stamina and fortitude the life there, always dreaming of the roving seas. Then he was shipped to Corps School and Oak Knoll.

A football and baseball man in high school, Jack has settled down since his arrival here on January 14, 1950 to a life of correspondence with his fiancée—Miss Venita Grant of Ogden.

"I recreate between Alsatian folk dancing and following the lore of the Buddhist," said Joseph G. Schodl, HN, when questioned for this column.

"I don't have what you call a hobby," he continued, "That's why I joined the Navy. I didn't have anything to do in my spare time; so I came in here where I don't have to worry about spare time."

Joe enlisted in his home town of Denison, Texas, on 1 November 1948, and after Boot Camp and Corps School in Diego, arrived here on 29 June 1949.



Lectures, Films Slated For Residents, Interns

Four Basic Science Lectures and a group of films have been scheduled for March and April for medical officers under instruction.

First of these, on 7 March, will be a discussion by Dr. Dwight Wilbur, Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Stanford, on "Clinical Management of the Patient with Chronic Nervousness."

On 14 March Dr. Albert M. Snell, Chief of Medicine here from 20 March 1944 until 2 January 1946 and until recently with the Mayo Clinic and Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota, will speak on "Recent Advances in Liver Diseases."

On 21 and 28 March Dr. Gordon Meiklejohn, Assistant Professor of Medicine, at U.C. will discuss "Recent Advances in Dirology."

American College of Surgeons films on surgical anatomy will be shown on the nights of April 4, 11, 18, and 25. All meetings will be held at 1930 in the Staff Conference unless otherwise announced.



Interested in what everyone else is reading? . . . The following is THE BEST SELLER column taken from the current New York Times Book Review section. . . .

Fiction

1. The Parasites. du Maurier
2. The Egyptian. Waltari
3. The King's Cavalier. Shellabarger.
4. Gentian Hill. Goudge
5. Mary. Asch
6. A Rage to Live. O'Hara
7. The Horse's Mouth. Cary
8. One on the House. Lasswell
9. The Way West. Guthrie
10. The Woman of Rome. Moravia
11. A Long Day's Dying. Buechner

Non-Fiction

1. This I remember. Roosevelt
2. The Mature Mind. Overstreet
3. White Collar Zoo. Barnes
4. Home Sweet Zoo. Barnes.
5. My Three Years in Moscow. Smith
6. Modern Arms and Free Men. Bush
7. The Peabody Sisters of Salem. Sharp
8. Mr. Jones, Meet the Master. Marshall
9. The Frenchman. Halsman
10. The Autobiography of Will Rogers. edited by Day
11. A Guide to Confident Living. Peale
12. The Road Ahead. Flynn
13. American Freedom and Catholic Power. Blanshard
14. I Leap Over the Wall. Baldwin
15. The God That Failed. Koestler and others
16. Peace of Soul. Sheen

Of the Fiction books we have all but the 11th, A Long Day's Dying; we do not have numbers 8, 9, 13, 14, and 15 of the non-fiction titles. If you wish to read any of these Best Sellers, call at the library and we will be glad to get the book to you as soon as possible.

Betoney Named New Chief Master-at-Arms



L. F. Betoney, HMC, (right) and V. T. Thompson, HM1, are the newest additions to the station's Master-At-Arms force. Chief Betoney replaces Carl M. Buterbaugh, HMC, who was transferred from the MAA force to the Receiving Station, San Francisco, for further transfer to the Pacific area, and Thompson will replace Chuck Hasson, who expects to go on night duty later this month.

Chief Betoney has been on the compound a year, during which he has served at Property and Accounting (Equipment section) and staff detail, while Thompson has worked on 46A, Main Gate, and Leave and Liberty.

Forty Patients to Attend Seal Home Games

Paul I. Fagan, president of the San Francisco Seals, has extended a standing invitation to forty patients of this hospital to attend home games of that club this season, LT R. L. Thompson, Welfare and Recreation Officer, has announced.

The invitation is good for 70 games—all except the opening one and those played on Sundays or holidays. Arrangements for patients to attend the games have been made by Charles J. Graham, vice-president and general manager of the club. Transportation will be provided by Welfare and Recreation, busses leaving the Navy Exchange building at 1845 nightly throughout the series.

Last year the Seals finished seventh in the eight-team Pacific Coast League, but they are favored for the flag this year, according to a story in the San Francisco Chronicle. The Seals are managed by Frank "Lefty"

O'Doul, who has been with them for the past fifteen years, and during that time has won two pennants and finished second five times.

Dates for the games to which patients are invited follow:

April 5, 6, 7, 8	Sacramento
April 11, 12, 13, 14, 15	San Diego
May 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Los Angeles
May 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	Oakland
May 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	Seattle
June 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	Portland
June 27, 28, 29, 30, July 1	Los Angeles
July 5, 6, 7, 8	Hollywood
July 25, 26, 27, 28, 29	Sacramento
August 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	San Diego
August 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	Oakland
September 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	Hollywood
September 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	Seattle
October 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Portland

Etiquette Board to be Formed (Maybe)

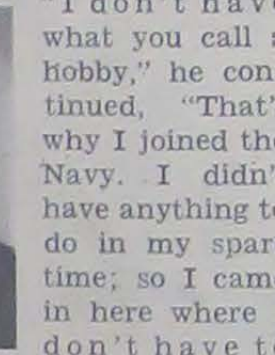
Recent dispatches from overseas have led many persons to speculate upon the possibility of Emily Post's being made director of the "Armed Services Table Manners and General Etiquette Board."

The U.P. dispatches, dated 23 February, dealt with the court-martialing of two soldiers who refused to pass a bottle of catsup to a sergeant during a meal. The soldiers were restricted for 30 days, fined \$50, and demoted to the rank of recruits.

Whether the men failed to hear the sergeant request the catsup, which seems doubtful, or whether they thought he didn't need any, was not pointed out in the story. Perhaps the men were spies hired by the mustard and worchestershire concerns

to disrupt the use of catsup in the services. Certain it is, however, that they chose the wrong time, place, and sergeant to begin their rebellion.

The A.S.T.M.G.E.B., when and if created would be available to all servicemen who have questions concerning the proper times and ways to pass catsup and would, in general, act as the Armed Services simplified course to genteel eating. It would point out the proper uses for utensils, the way to sit without having nearby diners wonder if you're drawing flight pay, how to place your feet so no one will trip over them, how to talk without giving others the impression they're going through a typhoon, and, most important of all, how to get your share without sustaining any black eyes.



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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 5 March

THE EAGLE AND THE HAWK (Civil War Action Story) with John Payne, Rhonda Fleming, Dennis O'Keefe, Thomas Gomez and Frank Faylen. "Payne is a Texas ranger, loyal to the South, who is sent by the governor of the state to escort a Yankee spy across the Mexican border where Faylen is smuggling arms for an eventual French coup d'etat in Texas. Faylen's daughter, Miss Fleming, is helping her father, and a Mexican, Thomas Gomez, is the innocent dupe unaware of the French plot. Payne, disliking his mission but working with O'Keefe under orders, becomes involved in helping him and enters the fray when he becomes convinced the future of Texas is at stake."

Monday, 6 March

BOOMERANG (Drama) with Dana Andrews, Lee J. Cobb and Jane Wyatt. "A replay with no available information."

Tuesday, 7 March

RIDING HIGH (Racing Story) with Bing Crosby, Coleen Gray, Charles Bickford, Ward Bond, Percy Kilbride and James Gleason. "Crosby is engaged to the daughter of Tycoon Charles Bickford. They think his career is in big business, but he is itchy about a return to the track. He trains a horse, Broadway Bill, for the sweepstakes with the aid of Coleen Gray, another daughter of 'Bickford' who loves Bing and the horse."

Wednesday, 8 March

THE BLONDE BANDIT (Melodrama) with Dorothy Patrick, Gerald Mohr, Robert Rockwell and Larry J. Blake. "A jeweler, who framed Miss Patrick, owes a large sum of money to the chief of a gambling syndicate, Gerald Mohr, who after receiving the money suspects the girl has become innocently involved. Mohr and Miss Patrick are attracted to each other, when an alert young district attorney, Robert Rockwell, persuades the girl to spy on Mohr in order for the law to get enough evidence to convict him on racketeering charges."

Thursday, 9 March

BLUE GRASS OF KENTUCKY (No available information. A New Release not reviewed as yet) with Bill Williams, and Jane Nye.

Friday, 10 March

MOTHER DIDN'T TELL ME (Comedy) with Dorothy McGuire, William Lundigan, June Havoc and Leif Erickson. "The story deals with the starry-eyed romance of Miss McGuire and William Lundigan, the M.D. in the case, and how the young wife quite naively discovers she can't have her doctor and an uninterrupted personal life at the same time."

Saturday, 11 March

THE LOCKET (Drama) with Laraine Day, Brian Aherne and Robert Mitchum. "A replay with no available information."

He: "Wait a minute. I thought I heard something break."

She: "Never mind. That was just my promise to Mother."

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

With Tom Cat

The roar of the grass cutters, the planting of the shrubs, peacoats hanging in the back of lockers—all are sure signs that springtime is just around the corner. Ah, that wonderful season when love is in the air and your money goes twice as fast.

I want to send out a plea of sympathy for Webber. After reading about the "A" and "H" bomb, spies, income tax, rising prices, and a variety of other worldly conflicts, he has decided the only thing left to do is buy a pair of shoes two sizes too small so he can have the pleasure of taking them off each night.

On the subject of sports it seems that the most mispronounced word lately is "Bucs." Some people just can't restrain themselves from calling it "Bugs." They don't use DDT, and the last letter is "C" not "G."

If you have been listening to your radio lately, you probably have heard about the people who are receiving new Cads just for having on a Mickey Mouse watch at the right time. . . . Well, maybe a new car is not involved, but it is a rumor that the first corpsman found that has 25 cents left after a week-end liberty will be rewarded with a promotion.

Ann Hoekstra voiced this question recently in a moment of numbness: "Why are men shorter these days when they sit down?" Answer: "Flat billfolds of course." You had better hold funeral rites for that one, Ann.

A thing of the future: Overheard was Barrett saying: "When I make Chief and have the duty of holding reveille, I am going to whisper 'reveille, reveille,' softly in the ears of the sleeping corpsmen." For this, William, I'll ship over.

A large reward is offered by Akin for the corpsman who can give him a quick "hangover relief" formula.

Nurses May Form Softball Team

Plans for a Nurses' softball team are now well under way, LCDR R. F. McComas, baseball and softball coach, announced recently. The group is headed by ENS Geraldine Baldey, staff nurse on Ward 61A, who has distributed the sign-up lists and expects to be able to supply full information on the undertaking soon.

The group will be the first to represent Oak Knoll in that category since 1947, when the Women's Softball Club won the 12th Naval District Championship in that sport.

No changes were reported in the male baseball and softball situation, Chaplain McComas reported. Practice for the two teams is scheduled to begin on 15 March, and a practice game with Moffett Field has been arranged for 22 March.

Although equipment for the teams is not on hand at the present time, G. S. McComb, HMC, of welfare and recreation, expects to obtain everything necessary before practices begin in earnest. Along this line the chief states that it would be deeply appreciated if all men with outstanding athletic equipment would turn it in immediately so that it can be inventoried.

To Play For Dance



Thursday 9 March at 2000 is the time, Community Service Auditorium the place for the big all-staff dance, when Roger Bourke's popular orchestra with lovely Vivian Long, vocalist, will provide the music. Now playing at Linn's Ballroom in downtown Oakland, the orchestra is well-known here. In this area they had previously played at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel San Francisco.

Welcome and Farewell

Seven persons were received aboard this compound, and eleven were detached during the week of 22 February and 1 March. Those reporting were CDR John W. Thomas and Bernard "I" Kahn from USNH, Mare Island, California; CDR James G. Bulgrin from NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; LTJG William T. Smith and LCDR James W. Packard, Jr., from USNH, Mare Island, California; "O" "J" Howell, HN, from USNH, San Diego, California, and David L. Lykins, HN, from USNH, Long Beach, California.

Detached were LTJG Dale A. Hudson and LTJG William Hamelberg, to civilian life; Carl M. Buterbaugh, HMC, to Receiving Station, San Francisco, for further transfer. Also to civilian life went Wanda A. Jones, HN; John Carsten, HN; Homer Cecil Doughty, HA; Joseph A. Cliff, HA; Paul W. Kraft, HA; Jack W. Thompson, HA; Joseph P. Qualls, HA; and Robert T. George, HA.

T. I. Defeats Bucs, 76 to 26

Ten men from Oak Knoll, who couldn't seem to take the heat, handed them on 16 January, journeyed to Treasure Island Tuesday night to drop their sixteenth battle game of the season, and their seventh in a row. The Pirates of Treasure Island, although stopped from garnering the number of points they hoped to get, managed to walk away from the beleaguered Bucs whenever they felt the urge to enter the scoring column. Gayle Antle, a peppery little guard for the TI-ers, felt the urge often, hitting the twine three points more than the entire group of Knollites could manage.

Outscored from the floor, ousted from the foul line 8 to 4 out of 13 chances, outplayed on the floor by the machine-like quintet, it seemed unlikely after the first five minutes that the score could be anything except the final one of 76 to 26 in Treasure Island's favor.

With their giant center, Chuck Dickerson, hitting for two field goals and two foul shots in the first three minutes, the home team jumped into a lead which never came close to being threatened. Bob Worsham then put through the first of his eight points to put the losers within four points of the lead, the closest they ever managed to get. From there on out, the floor served as a race track for the islanders, with little Antle and big Dickerson leading the field with 29 and 22 points respectively.

Bob Worsham was high for the locals with eight points and J. J. Lalla and Cliff Hodge tied for second with six apiece.

One bright spot in the game was the sight of C. A. "Ace" Johnson, who's been on leave, back in the lineup. Although he didn't score a point, his ball-handling and aggressive play were undoubtedly a stabilizing influence on the shattered morale of the Hosapps.

Slim: "Who gave the bride away?"

Tim: "I could have, but I kept my mouth shut."



"—FOR THE LAST TIME, O'FLYNN, WHO BROKE THE THERMOMETER?"

"THE OAK LEAF" presents, for the first time, a cartoon by A. W. Rawlins, HN, of 71A. Recently arrived from sea-duty, Rawlins expects to return soon, so his works may be cut off at any time. They were too good to pass up though, so they are here given for what they're worth.



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Eleven members of the staff this week received commendations from the Commanding Officer, who was congratulating Chief L. F. Betoney, as the cameraman snapped this picture. Others cited were, left to right: B. R. Williams, Charles O. Martin, HMC, R. M. Thompson, HMC, Forrest "D" O'Dell, HM1, Lucille Moore, HM1, Vernon T. Thompson, HM1, Paul A. Moormeier, HM2, Julia Clouse, HN, Valentino Turri, Jr., HN, and Dean C. Gamble, HN.

35 Housing Units To Be Constructed In Oak Knoll Area

Construction of 35 units of moderate cost housing for Naval personnel in the Oak Knoll area has been tentatively approved, according to a recent announcement made by Captain H. F. Johnson, Twelfth Naval District Public Works Officer.

Known as "Title VIII Military Housing," the apartments will be built by private interests on their land for rental to military personnel. Questionnaires sent to prospective contractors were to be returned this week with information concerning the builders' qualifications for accomplishment of the contemplated project. Exact size, location and construction are subject to final approval for certification by the Secretary of the Navy.

Similar housing is being considered for Moffett, Alameda, and Oakland Air Stations, San Francisco Naval Shipyard, Naval Supply Center, Oakland; Naval Supply Depot, Stockton Annex, Point Molate (Richmond) Fuel Depot, Port Chicago, Skaggs Island, and Monterey Air Station and School.

Navel Oranges Treat For Naval Personnel

Once again Oak Knoll Naval personnel and veterans are eating their fill of navel oranges, fresh from the Fillmore, California, orchards where they were grown.

One-hundred fifty-seven boxes of the citrus fruit arrived Tuesday as a gift from the Texas Oil Company.

Captain Cook's Views On ARC Membership

In joining the Red Cross, we become members of the most inclusive and exclusive organization in the world—inclusive because it includes everyone who is interested in the welfare of his fellow men and exclusive because it excludes those who don't believe in being of service to humanity. In the membership campaign now in progress we have an opportunity to make Oak Knoll all-inclusive.

It is not necessary to review the many Red Cross services that contribute to the morale and contentment of this hospital or to point out here the importance of the disaster relief, accident prevention, blood donor, and health education programs, which are available whenever we need them, regardless of whether we are Red Cross members. In recognition of these services, I would like to see everyone at the hospital join the Red Cross.

S. S. COOK
Captain, MC, USN
Commanding Officer

Expect Good Turnout At Chief's Club Dance

The Gingham and Dungaree dance scheduled for the Chief's Club tonight will attract a large crowd, according to advance reports received by C.O. Martin, HMC, secretary-treasurer.

The first pseudo-ragamuffin party held at this station for some time, the novelty of being able to come in "everyday" clothes will be the main attraction, but the convivial atmosphere of the club will also go far toward making the dance a success.

11 Staff Members Get Meritorious Service Awards

The Commanding Officer this week commended eleven members of the staff for their outstanding service to the hospital.

Among them were five members of the Finance Division staff whose "judgement, initiative, and attention to your detail" were largely responsible for a recent BuMed comment regarding the accuracy of reports from this hospital. They were Bill R. Williams, Fiscal Accounting Clerk; Charles O. Martin, HMC of the procurement section; Lewis F. Betoney, HMC, Forrest "D" O'Dell, HM1, and Valentino Turri, Jr., HN, of the equipment section.

For their work in processing 2,793 men for separation in a period of 12 days while on temporary duty at U.S. Naval Station, Treasure Island, Vernon T. Thompson, HM1, Paul A. Moormeier, HM2, and Julia Clouse, HN, received the CO's commendation.

Dean C. Gamble, HN, received his commendation for the "efficiency, thoughtfulness, and tact above and beyond the ordinary call of duty" he displayed while serving on special watch on a serious burn case on Ward 72A. Lucille Moore, HM1, was commended for meritorious service on the Dependents' Service, where on several occasions she has remained on duty during her liberty hours when extra help was needed.

Robert M. Thompson, HMC, was cited for his outstanding work as clerk on the 12ND Physical Evaluation Board, where he "displayed keen interest and initiative in assisting

Mare Island Patient and Staff Transfers Arrive

Oak Knoll's patient census was increased mid-week by the arrival of 171 transfers from Mare Island Naval Hospital. At the same time the names of 8 doctors, 13 nurses, and 41 hospital corpsmen were added to the staff roster. This change came as a result of the recent Secretary of Defense order reducing Mare Island to a 50-bed hospital.

Doctors added to the staff of this hospital were CDR Edward L. Hammond, CDR Wait R. Griswold, CDR Richard D. Nies, CDR B. S. Kahn, CDR J. W. Thomas, LCDR Reginald V. Berry, LCDR Henry S. Colony, and LTJG William E. Mayer.

Nurses transferred here this week included several who had previously been on duty here. In the group were LT Marguerite A. Bergsma, LT Mary A. Finch, LT Evelyn R. Hulton, LT Ruth M. Lawler, LT Edith M. Liebman, LT Isabell M. Myers, LT Edla C. Warner, LTJG Mary V. Finn, LTJG Cecelia J. Shea, LTJG Marion Wieck, ENS Jane Dudinski, LT Lydia F. Kiehler, and LT Agnes T. Nerney.

Enlisted personnel reporting from Mare Island were Paul L. Harmer, HM3; Charles J. Baptie, HMC; William Kenneth Bowling, HM3; Thomas L. Adams, HA; Donald L. Barnes, HA; Guillerne Calles, HM3; Matthew J. Connolly, Jr., HM3; James A. Crow, HN; Richard F. Curry, HM3; Rex F. Durbin, HN; Melvin B. Echelberger, HA; Robert L. Englebrecht, HN; Lee P. Filion, HM3; Robert E. Geiger, HM3; David J. Goddard, HN; Archibald Harrison, III, HN; William E. Kelley, HA; Elburn D. Kelly, HM3; Ronald M. Lane, HN; Robert O. Lossner, HN; Ronald M. Maher, HN; Richard R. Mascarenas, HN; James N. McGavock, HM3; James M. Muscatell, HN; Billy G. Norman, HA; Arthur R. Parr, HN; Maynard K. Ray, HM3; Gabriel W. Reynolds, HA; Charles S. Rutherford, HA; David L. Sanders, HA; William A. Schneider, HM3; John E. Schmidt, HM3; William E. Schmidt, HM3; Garland Van Buren Sloan, HA; Robert Cary Spence, HM3; Daniel E. Storms, HN; Hector P. Torres, Jr., HM3; Alvah J. Van Wagoner, HM3; Theodore J. Vincent, Jr., HM3; Donald J. Weaver, HN; and Howard F. Wullschlegel, HN.

in setting up procedures to be followed by the Board, on numerous occasions working beyond the usual working hours to accomplish the mission of the board."

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Satisfied "Customers" Write

28 February, 1950

Dear Sir:

Although I am late in doing this, I would like to express my appreciation and commend the numerous doctors, nurses, and hospital corpsmen responsible for the wonderful care and treatment my wife received while a patient at Oak Knoll. We personally thanked CDR Woolsey, Drs. Boyd and Miller, who were directly responsible for her care and treatment, but couldn't possibly have thanked personally all who had a hand in her care and treatment and who put her back on the road to a healthful recovery. If all Officers and Men of the Navy would stop to think of what goes in both Dollars and "sense," in the treatment of a case such as hers, there would never be a harsh word said about the Medical Department of the Navy. For what could have run into thousands of dollars, perhaps for the minimum of care, she received wonderful treatment at a total cost of under \$200. Where can you beat that?

Respectfully,

L. I. Wilcox, HMC, USN

U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center

Dear Sir:

On December 6, 1949, our son, Walter H. Muntz, an ex-veteran, was admitted to your hospital as a serious patient. In the subsequent months of his hospitalization extending to February 8, 1950, at which time he was discharged, our son underwent a thorough diagnosis of his condition and received medical care and treatment that included a major chest operation.

We, his father and mother, wish to express our gratitude with that of our son, for the excellent care, treatment, and surgery your installation and skilled staff rendered him during his period of serious illness. To be sure we feel very fortunate that such splendid treatment and facilities were available to him. It is reassuring to know that other veterans have access to the much-needed care, facilities, and treatment, which your splendid organization affords them.

Very truly yours,
Walter Muntz
Christine Muntz

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

PURPOSE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

A man in a chain gang, breaking stones under the boiling sun, has no ambition, no enthusiasm. And, for him, the never-ending monotony of his work is almost unendurable. He is only marking time.

A sculptor, on the other hand, in chiseling a beautiful statue out of a block of marble, toils away with a high degree of fervor. Despite the fact that much of what he does is, of necessity, routine and mechanical, still the task of making cold stone glow with life is made interesting and enjoyable because he has a purpose. It takes on meaning.

However small the task, it can be made meaningful through the purposes we carry into our work. Those who take positions in the fields of influence—education, government, labor relations, and communications—with the one purpose of carrying Christ into the mainstream of life, can perform all the humdrum aspects of their work with a fine spirit, simply because of the goal which inspires them.

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing anymore but to be cast out, and to be trodden on by men." (Matthew 5:13)

Francis John Klass

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.
Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

26 February

WHITTEN, Baby girl, to wife of Wilborn Whitten, MM3, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

SNIDER, Randolph Wayne, to wife of Roscoe Snider, Ch. Gunn., 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

BEAVERS, Daniel Lee, to wife of Harrison Beavers, LTJG, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

MARCON Charles Edward, to wife of John Marcon, ET2, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

YORBA, Dianne Cecelia, to wife of Robert Yorba, ADC, 7 pounds.

ANDERSON, Kathleen Ida and Steven George, to wife of Roy Anderson, RM3, 4 pounds, 5 ounces, and 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

27 February

O'BRIEN, Thomas, to wife of Joseph O'Brien, LCDR, 8 pounds 11 ounces.

VREELAND, Judith Ann, to wife of John Vreeland, BMC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

GOINS, Peggy Ann, to wife of Charles Goins, SN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

28 February

PEDDER, Harold De Wayne, to wife of Harold Pedder, AN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

ECHOLS, Baby Boy, to wife of Harry Echols, SD2, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

WEST, William Hardy, to wife of Richard West, LTJG, 9 pounds.

GRIMM, Steven Eugene, to wife of Max Grimm, RM1, 4 pounds.

GUISANDE, David James, to wife of Santiago Guisande, SK3, 8 pounds.

BERRY, Patricia Ann, to wife of David Berry, ADAN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

JENKS, Michael, to wife of John Jenks, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

ALLEN, George Nathaniel Jr., to wife of George N. Allen, SD3, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

1 March

BUIS, Michael Kenneth, to wife of Lowell Buis, HM3, 9 pounds.

DAVIS, Phillip, to wife of Denver Davis, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

LIMBO, Stephen Dwain, to wife of Lester Limbo, AL3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

GOODMAN, Sharon May, to wife of William Goodman, AD1, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

SEXTON, Bruce Frank, to wife of Lester Sexton, AN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

BRYANT, Baby Boy, to wife of Willie Bryant, TN, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.

HINSON, Michael Riles, to wife of James Hinson, PN2, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

HARTLEY, Michele Deleen, to wife of Delmar Hartley, AN, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

2 March

LICHTMAN, Ardith Rae, to wife of Robert Lichtman, ETSN, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

RICH, Diana Jean, to wife of Alfred Rich, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

LYON, Douglas Paul, to wife of James Lyon, SKC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

AULERICH, Michael Dean, to wife of Jack Aulerich, AM2, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

3 March

STURGEON, Joe Arno, to wife of Marvin Sturgeon, RM3, 10 pounds.

DOLAN, John Garry, to wife of Robert Dolan, S/Sgt. 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

ROTHOVE, Rita Carol, to wife of Richard Rothove, PFC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

LINDBLAD, Susan Beth, to wife of Oscar Lindblad, HM1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

LITTLE, Sylvia Faye, to wife of Curtis Little, ADC, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

MORA, Evelyn Jean, to wife of Trinidad Mora, Jr., SN, 6 pounds.

FARAGO, Mary Ann, to wife of Michael Farago, MM1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

4 March

COX, Kevin Victor, to wife of Chester Cox, AD1, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

CLIFTON, Janet Deane, to wife of Glen Clifton, AL1, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

Captain Cook Speaks At Red Cross Luncheon

Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer, was the principal speaker at the Red Cross "kickoff" luncheon at Hotel Leamington in downtown Oakland on 1 March when city officials, representatives of Army and Navy installations in the East Bay Area, and volunteer Red Cross workers met to launch the 1950 drive.

The luncheon was sponsored by the Oakland Lions Club. Goal for the City of Oakland is \$394,000, \$1,000 of which is to be raised at Oak Knoll.

"Why do they call you 'Tex' when you were born in Pennsylvania?"

"I'm from Shamokin. Think I wanna be called 'Schamo'?"

"Do you think you could be happy with a man like me?"

"Perhaps. If he wasn't too much like you."

Who's Who...

"While fishing in Kenora, Canada James R. Bagley, HM3, of the Record Office says, 'I was pulled into the lake by a muskie (very big, naturally). My splashings—as I attempted to retain not my pole, line, hook and muskie, but my life—attracted a lonely little Indian maid as she sat on the shore. Indians have very good eyes, you know, so seeing how handsome I was, she determined to rescue me. She did, and after we'd made shore, we hit out for the er . . ." here Bagley faltered, realizing he was speaking for publication.

Anyway, Bagley was born in Omaha, Nebraska and enlisted in Chicago, Illinois on 27 July, 1947. After Corps School, he arrived at Oak Knoll in February of 1948.

James B. Saylor, DT3, in the Dental Clinic, left the lush green countryside of Washington to enlist in the Navy and live up to his name. Now having his permanent residence in Bellingham, Washington, Saylor attended the Western Washington College of Education there before joining in 1948.

For indoor recreation, Saylor enjoys dancing, night-clubbing, and going to good stage shows, but outdoors he prefers swimming, tennis and fishing.

Steve Tamborski, HN, of 40A is one of the persons expected to shine for the Oak Knoll Pirates during the forthcoming baseball season. Having played two years of professional ball before his enlistment, he is in a position to help the Pirates out mightily.

Steve enlisted in his home town of St. Louis, Missouri, on 17 January, 1949 and arrived at Oak Knoll on 1 October, 1949.

Before his Pro ball days, he attended high school in St. Louis and won All-City honors for his playing of third base for his high school team.

A forest ranger in Washington before his enlistment, Joe I. Kenmir, HN, of the Cast Room staff, had many thrilling experiences, the most thrilling of which, he says, was searching for a crashed Army plane on the snow covered slopes of Mount Rainier, one of the most beautiful mountains in the United States.

Joe joined in Seattle, Washington in July of 1948 and arrived at Oak Knoll from Corps School on 11 February, 1949.

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Red Cross Ramblings

THE WEARING O' THE GREEN: And is it entertainment yer lookin' for?? Pretty colleens decked out in a wealth of color with plenty of the green (and maybe a little of the orange, too?) Oh, the foin jigs that will be danced that night—Thursday next, March 16 in the Red Cross Lounge from 1900 to 2100.

Good Saint Pat, himself, will be ushered in with style for the next day is his very own day. So upon Oak Knoll we'll find no snakes that date (and we trust that you'll all feel the same.) The McCoys, Sweeneys, O'Briens, Dunnavans, and McCartys all will be there and, shure, 'twill be an illegant affair!

And have you seen the Blarney Stone to kiss it for luck? That famous Wishing Well has also been piped in for the occasion and it is requested that all shillalahs be checked at the door—fer to give our Gal colleens your undivided attention! Thursday night next—don't miss the party.

HI-JINKS! An impromptu birthday party was staged on Ward 55 last week and a lot of hidden talent came to light along with several March birthdays. They even had a visiting birthday boy, F. J. Lones, AB1, from ward 41B. It was also the birthday of ENS J. E. Peterson, nurse, who provided a huge sheet cake so that all of the patients on the ward could have a piece. Hugh T. McNamara (since transferred to ward 42B) also had his birthday featured. Patients on 55 that night proved that they could still give lessons in jitterbugging and the strains of "Chattanooga Shoeshine Boy" made it ring!

POPULAR RADIO JUNKET: For the last two Sundays Oak Knoll patients have been guests at the 11:30 a.m. KLX broadcast of Breakfast at Plands. Transported by the Red Cross Motor Corps, Oakland Chapter, and escorted by a Red Cross staff recreation worker the four patients who have gone each week have had a marvelous breakfast, good entertainment, and fun answering questions by Don Steele, M.C. of the show. The first week Johnny Peters, veteran, 70B, was awarded an eight-minute telephone call home to his folks in Florida. Last week two men were lucky and Vincent Lacey, SN, and Clyde Tickle, AN, both of ward 60B, talked to their families in the Bronx, New York, and Pembroke, Virginia. It is hoped that these invitations continue, because the men have had a wonderful time and been treated royally there.

INTRODUCING: Fred Ebright, veteran patient on ward 44A whose home is in San Francisco (he thinks it has more atmosphere than any city in the world), although Philadelphia claimed him originally. Other things Mr. Ebright likes—Oak Knoll hospital. Says he was never treated so well anywhere. Dislikes? Liver! This patient writes poetry and has been published extensively in the New York Times, Atlantic Monthly, Saturday Evening Post, Yale Review, and many others, and has a poem called "Legacy" in the New Treasury of War Poetry book in the library here. Mr. Ebright states that he has no "slant," his poems are just poems. But, he adds, "there is no market for gloomy stuff!"



Oak Knoll has 27 paid workers on the Red Cross staff and 200 Gray Ladies who help to provide a full program of hospital activities, some of which are pictured here. Upper left: University of California hostesses come regularly to the Red Cross Lounge to assist in entertaining men at dances and card parties planned for them. Upper right: Motor Corps volunteers set out for a day's work which may include taking patients for rides, bringing dependents to the clinic, or transporting volunteers to the hospital. The hula dancer in the center photograph would be good medicine on any ward. She was among the many entertainers brought to Oak Knoll during the past year through Red Cross arrangements. Lower left: A social worker talks with a patient with regard to a message from home. The happy group at lower right use musical instruments available at the Lounge music room, where their jam sessions may be recorded.

In the Hen House

by One Little Chick

Personalities flying the coop . . . After April 14 no longer will the halls resound with the merry echoes of Jeannie Sharp's lilting cry, "Seersucker!! Who's got a seersucker?" . . . or Ferol Yearout's mad dash down the corridor to meet a freezing Danny . . . Pretty cold waiting sometimes, Danny? And Phyllis Shea! Of course her good natured spirit will long be remembered. Coffee, cokes, and . . . er . . . just spirits in general.

Mystery of the week . . . Who's got the hot plate? Everyone seems to know but the poor M.A.A.

Flash!! Reply to a question voiced by a WAVE in one of our local stores. "Yes, Ma'm. Our girdles come in five sizes." I suppose small, medium, large, Wow, and Ye Gods!!

Moments of reverie . . . Wonder what alley Tom Cat's been prowling in this past week? Couldn't be **THE Alley**, could it Tom?

A WAVE's plea . . . Boys, when Barrett makes chief, please let him come over and whisper "reveille" very softly in our ears, too. Tell me, fellas, how are you awakened? Does it sound as though there were "Bats in your Belfry?" Come over to our home some morning and listen to the commotion . . . What's that? Oh, just one hundred shrill blasts on a police whistle. What! You can't imagine what that is? Ever heard of "Big Ben." That's Junior being

Welcome and Farewell

In addition to staff changes reported on Page 1, one man was received and six officers and men departed during the week of 1 to 8 March.

George W. Ramsey, HN, from USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia, reported for duty. Transferred were LT Isabelle Kiehl, NC, to NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; LTJG Dale A. Hudson, to inactive duty; ENS Nieves Arano, NC, to civilian life, Lowell P. Newman, HMC, and Walter H. Gass, HM1, to Receiving Station, San Francisco; and "O" "A" Akins, HM3, to MSTs.

wound and sounding off . . . Wwhirr . . . Ding Ding Ding. Bboooinggg! Whoops . . . Junior just lost a spring. And then, in a long Southern drawl . . . "It's 0600 . . . Time to hit the deck! Ahh . . . reminds me of the good old Boot Camp days.

Teacher, I have a question . . . Could you tell me what NP tech working in X-Ray is musically inclined? Would music, music, and still more music help you remember?

Ad in the Examiner . . . Lady interested in an idea of investment, not too large, sharing profits 50-50. Working partners or silent. Of course she'll be working . . . who ever heard of a woman being silent.

Except for this chick.

Baseball Practice Starts Wednesday

With only four days remaining until practice for the baseball team starts, all who signed up are advised to begin conditioning their bodies to withstand the strain of the first few days of practice.

Anyone who hasn't yet signed up still has an opportunity, Chaplain R. F. McComas, Coach, has announced. Recent transfers from Mare Island are particularly urged to sign up at the Chaplain's office as soon as possible.

Practice will begin on Wednesday, 15 March, at 1530 and will be conducted each week day thereafter at the same hour. First game for the team is with Moffett Field on Wednesday, 22 March at Moffett Field.

The nurse's softball team, according to Ens. G. H. Baldey, acting captain, is coming along fairly well, with twelve signed up and several others expecting to turn out. Their practice will begin the same day as the men's but will work on a different schedule. Instead of one afternoon practice a day, nurses will have a practice in the morning for those on P.M. duty and one in the afternoon for those on A.M. duty. A selected team from both groups will play the games.

No games have been scheduled to date, but the team expects to play the WAVES from Treasure Island, the Women Marines' team, and any civilian team they can schedule.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 12 March

RED SHOES (Color) with Anton Walbrook, Marius Goring. No available information. Eagle-Lion; 133 min.

Monday, 13 March

THE FOUNTAINHEAD with Gary Cooper, Patricia Neal. The story theme is possessed of qualities which make it exploitable, in the insistence of a young architect, Cooper, on the use without change of his designs, although it sees him penniless and evicted from his office. All in all, it is a story of character, conflict, effectively presented, yet necessarily somewhat staid in pace. Warner Brothers; 113 minutes.

Tuesday, 14 March

PERFECT STRANGERS with Ginger Rogers, Dennis Morgan. On the jury hearing evidence in the murder of a man accused of killing his wife for the love of his Secretary are Terry and David. She is a business woman, separated from her husband, and he is worried and the father of two girls. While the jury is locked in the hotel room during the trial, Terry and David fall madly in love. However, Terry makes David promise to make a go of his marriage, before she gives her final decision on their plans. When the balloting is to be made the jury is deadlocked until Terry convinces them by exposing her romance with David, that a worried man can fall in love and it not need be the motive for criminal action. The jury votes for acquittal and David realizes, as Terry points out the pitfalls before them, that they should part and return to their respective spouses. Warner Bros.; 88 min.

Wednesday, 15 March

BLONDIE'S HERO with Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake. No available information. Columbia; 69 min.

Thursday, 16 March

THE PALOMINO (Color) with Jerome Courtland, Beverly Tyler. A couple of youngsters whose petty feuds accurately indicate the story will end with a permanent romance. Courtland is the inexperienced cattle buyer who arrives at the palomino breeding farm, and gets into trouble with the owner, Miss Tyler. In a series of adventures, and aided by Calleia, he finds her prize stud horse hidden in the mountains and exposes a neighboring rancher as the culprit who has stolen the animal.

Friday, 17 March

YELLOW CAB MAN with Red Skelton, Gloria DeHaven. The story is based around Red Skelton, of course, and he is pictured as an amazing kind of individual who besides his inventive genius, also has a talent for getting himself involved in all types of physical mishaps. He becomes a cab driver in his anxiety to straighten himself out, while his friends, Gleason and Miss DeHaven, fellow employees, try to help. MGM; 85 min.

Saturday, 18 March

WESTERN UNION with Robert Young, Randolph Scott, Dean Jager. A replay with no available information, 20th Century Fox; 95 min.

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

With Tom Cat

Gad—my aching head! Now don't get the idea that I am going to write about drinking — everyone knows that our corpsmen don't indulge. The aching head I refer to is on the shoulders of Pruitt. From all reports he (and a few others) came in contact with a number of cushions while on a working party atop our junior Mt. Everest. Ah, well, boys will be boys, wherever they may happen to be.

Spring fever has come again to Oak Knoll. It now has Lehman and Normington firmly in its clutches. Study hard, people, at your astronomy classes, and, please, no slugging in the clinches.

On the subject of music (which we weren't) according to Jason Seale, it's no wonder that "Ragg Mopp" is one of the top tunes of the nation. "After all," Jason says, "Something has to clean up after 'Mule Train'."

Not only has Mare Island added more names to our staff roster, they have also added a number of slick looking cars to our parking lots. How do they do it?

Bill Gerlits is more than a comedian, he's also a poet of note. If you don't believe it, study the nuance and rhythm of this touching sonnet, "She Used to Go With the Landlord, but Now She Goes With the Lease."

It seems that Michaels, while shopping at one of the down town stores, just didn't know when to stop his experiments. He squeezed one doll until it hollered, "Mama, Mama." Then he squeezed another one and she yelled "Floorwalker, Floorwalker."

The shortest and one of the most effective editorials on the unveiling of the Atomic Bomb consisted of exactly two sentences, "The Atomic Bomb is here to stay. But are we?"

Adamson had his feelings hurt the other day while shaving a patient on his ward. The patient signalled with his fingers. "Got another razor?" he whispered. "Why?" Adamson asked. "I'd like to defend myself," the patient answered.

Odd notes—The only passenger in the elevator was a redheaded sailor. The pretty operator called out, "Up. Up. Anybody going up? Please, won't someone go up?"

Two insurance agents, one American and the other British, were talking about their rival methods. The Britisher was holding forth on the system of prompt payment carried out by his people—no trouble, fuss, or trying to wriggle out of payment.

"Why, if a man died tonight," he said, "His widow would receive her money by the first post tomorrow."

"You don't say," replied the American, "Well, the other day, I sold a policy to a man on the sixty-ninth story of our office building. I had just barely gotten back to our offices on the sixth floor when word arrived that he had fallen out of the window. I ran to the window quickly and handed him his check as he passed."

Pirates Win Another Defeat College Avenue Merchants

The Oak Knoll Pirates got revenge on the College Avenue Merchants by inflicting a hard-fought defeat Wednesday night in the San Leandro Gym. The final score was in doubt all through the game. With three minutes remaining, Lalla put in a field goal to boost the Bucs into a 50-49 lead, McComas put through a field goal, and Stevenson, diminutive forward for the Bucs, swished the net with a free throw to end the scoring at 53 to 49.

Chaplain R. F. McComas, coach of the Pirates, was high for the game with 20 points, but was closely followed by Stevenson with 16 points. Muller and Gordon, center and guard for the Merchants, were high for their team with 15 and 12 points.

With the Oak Knoll Pirates pouring in seventy-two points, (their highest output of the season to date) the College Avenue Merchants were forced to go all-out to defeat the battling Bucs 76 to 72 in an overtime contest on Thursday, 2 March.

The Pirates led throughout the first three quarters with superior backboard control and deadly shooting but faltered during the closing moments and allowed the Merchants to tie it up. Leading 31 to 30 at the half, the Pirates increased it to 55-51 at the three-quarter mark, but tired at that point and allowed the fuller reserves of the Merchants to catch up. Only eight men were on hand for the Bucs, as opposed to twelve for the winners, and, as events finally proved, the reserves counted strongly in the fast tilt.

The Merchants grabbed the lead for the first time at 71 to 70 with

three and one-half minutes remaining. Chaplain R. F. McComas, Knoll coach, put the Bucs ahead again with a twisting hook shot to set the stage for the tying free throw during the last 45 seconds by Jim Muller, high scoring center of the winners.

The Pirates, after stealing the ball from the Merchants, attempted a neat bit of strategy during the closing moments by stalling while the game was still tied, hoping to sink a toss just before the final gun. The task fell to Bob Worsham, set-shot artist for the locals, but he missed the long shot and forced the game into the overtime period.

Giant Center Muller won the game for the Merchants during the overtime by dumping in all of four points difference, one on a whirling hook from the key and the other on a tip-in of a fellow Merchant's missed shot.

Muller was high man for the game with a total of twenty-one points, but was closely followed by Cliff Hodge and J. J. Lalla with sixteen points apiece. Little J. C. Stevenson, a fighter from 'way back hit the net for fourteen points before fouling out late in the fourth quarter.

The father called his daughter into the living room for a chat.

"Your boy friend called at the office today to see me," said the father. "He asked for your hand and I consented."

"But father," faltered the girl, "I hate to leave mother."

"Perfectly all right," Soothed the father, "take her with you."

Did you hear about the dying mid-get who ordered a short bier?





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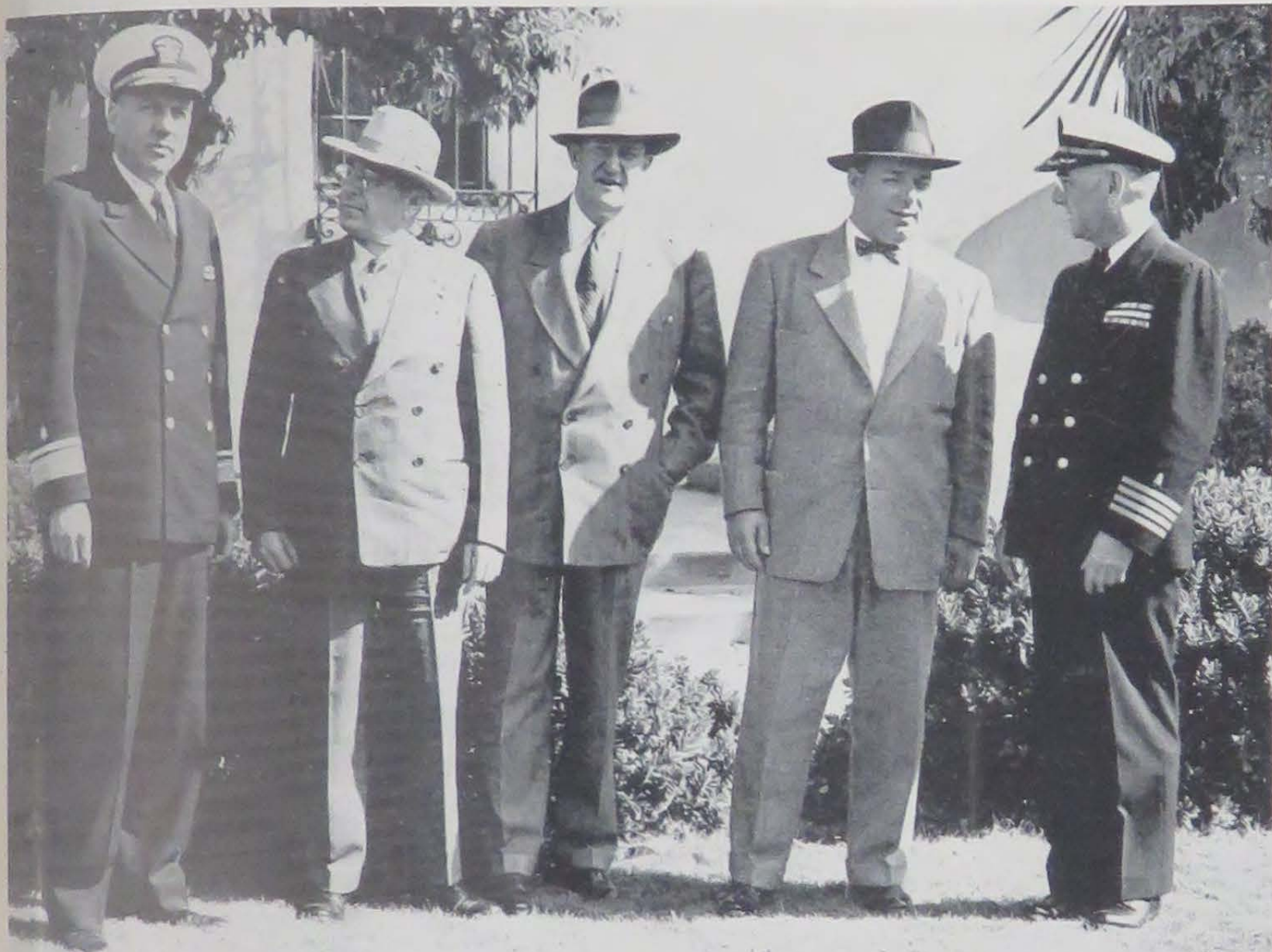


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Committee Here To Study Hospital Services



Rear Admiral C. A. Swanson, MC, USN (left) is accompanying the House Armed Forces Sub-Committee which is now touring Navy hospitals to determine whether closing down of a number of military hospitals is actually an economy measure. With the Surgeon General and the Commanding Officer in the photograph above are members of the group that conducted hearings at this hospital Wednesday. They are, left to right: Representatives Clyde Doyle, California; Paul W. Shafer, Michigan; and L. Gary Clemente, New York. The committee, headed by L. Mendel Rivers of South Carolina, who was unable to attend the meeting here, arrived at Alameda Tuesday afternoon and for the past three days has been gathering statistics concerning the operation of Oak Knoll, U.S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, which was recently ordered cut to a 50-bed dispensary; and U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, at the same time ordered to close down completely.



Following the sessions held at the Officers Club, where officials from Twelfth Naval District and Western Sea Frontier Headquarters, representatives of the press, and members of the staff were in attendance, the Congressional Sub-Committee visited the orthopedic wards (above). In the group were Admiral Swanson, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Shafer, Captain Cook, and with them, ENS Bella Fritz, ward nurse.

Congressmen Hear Facts and Figures On USNH Oakland

Surgeon General Brings Message to Staff

Members of a special sub-committee of the Armed Forces Committee of the House of Representatives spent Wednesday at Oak Knoll, one of several stops on the tour of investigation they are making as a result of Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson's recent order to reduce the bed capacity of or close a number of Navy Hospitals. They were accompanied by Rear Admiral C. A. Swanson, Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Rear Admiral Daniel Hunt, District Medical Officer, Rear Admiral Frederick I. Entwistle, Deputy Commander, Western Sea Frontier, and other officials from Treasure Island and Mare Island were present.

At the hearings which began at 1030 and continued through the early afternoon, Representatives Paul W. Shafer of Michigan, L. Gary Clemente, New York, and Clyde Doyle, California, questioned members of the staff concerning various details of hospital organization and management. Care of Navy dependents and training of Medical Officers came in for a large share of the discussion, and it was apparent that members of the committee were particularly interested in these phases of the Medical Department organization. In these discussions Captain M. M. Rubin, Chief of the Dependent Service, and Captain A. R. Higgins, Chief of Medicine and Executive Secretary of the Training Program, were barraged with questions and had an opportunity to give an account of the work being done in these departments of the hospital. Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, Commanding Officer; LT Alexander Bowdle, MSC, Finance Officer, and LT W. H. Griffiths, Jr., CEC, Public Works Officer, were also questioned at length with regard to hospital organization and costs.

At 1500 all hands who could be spared from their duties assembled in the auditorium to hear the encouraging and inspiring words of the Surgeon General. He spoke of the importance of the training program and the value of dependent care to the Navy as a whole. Admiral Sherman and Secretary of the Navy Mathews are in full support of both, and no curtailment is likely in either,

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Red Cross Ramblings

NEW TRENDS? If you're in the vicinity of Ward 70B one of these days you are likely to see surprising signs of activity. Silhouetted against the sky are figures who seem to be performing some weird and ancient rite. But upon coming close, you see—AH... they are **spinning tops!** The real, old-fashioned kind which takes a delicate wrapping of cord, cunning twist of the wrist, then a masterful downward swoop to project the purring missile!

Some of the participants and caustic bystanders include E. W. Gantt, ME3 (who bores holes in his top so that it will whistle!), Charles ("Chuck") Paisley, veteran, Oliver Rindahl, veteran, C. E. Castleman, veteran, and Johnny Peters, SN. There's some mean "pegging" going on too, believe us. Does any other ward have some competent top spinners on it? Maybe we could arrange a

battle royal (... and have a special committee to pick up the pieces.)

When bigger and better ideas are afoot, we bet the boys on 70A will have them. The talk is turning now to KITES. (Must have been all this March wind.)

POTATO PORTRAITURE: While on the subject of 70A we must report a unique contest which took place this last week in honor of St. Patrick. Each patient was given a potato, a few toothpicks and some whole cloves. The creations which emerged within a few minutes were extraordinary! Boats, birds, animals, aircraft, and portrait heads, to name a few. The patient-judges Ray Shaw and Roy Webster, veterans, awarded prizes to Richard Finley, HN (First), Ernest Patton, SN (Second), and Donald O'Brien, Pfc., M.C., (Honorable mention) for their clever carvings!

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Albert Schwertzen in his book, "The Quest of the Historical Jesus" says, "He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word, "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is."

To those who go to church regularly and in the proper spirit, Jesus does not come as "One unknown." For through the written word, the preached word, and the medium of prayer, the true worshipper knows not only the historical Jesus but the power of the living Son of God. But to those who call themselves Christians because it is socially commendable, without ever actively worshipping with the congregation and to those who do not claim any religious affiliation whatsoever, He still comes, as One unknown, perhaps, but he still comes. Like the little leaven that leaveneth the whole lump, the power of the Spirit of the Son of God is at work transforming the world. The moral level of society, low though it may be objectively, is relatively and progressively on the upgrade. There is no answer for that except that the Church (the body of Christ) and those in it possessed of the Holy Spirit have been working for almost two thousand years to transform society and make it one in which the will of God is done. Those who love Christ are very conscious of the fact that they are "members one of another" and that all the world's children are affected by what they think and desire and do. The welfare of others near at hand and far away is affected by their gifts and by their prayers. This is the way God walks through the faithful to improve the world in which we live. When Christ comes to all hearts as One who is known instead of One who is unknown, the richest blessings of this life will be the possession of all instead of the few. This is God's ultimate goal—"His kingdom." You may oppose it, but you cannot halt it! As One who is known or unknown, He still comes to you and you cannot stop him.

Robert F. McComas,
Chaplain, USN



Commodore Richard A. Kern, MC, USNR, (center) was an Oak Knoll visitor Saturday, coming here to see the hospital and to visit the C. O. and CDR Tracy Cuttle, whom he instructed some years ago at the University of Pennsylvania, and with whom he served in the South Pacific Area during the war. Dr. Kern is professor of Medicine at Temple University, Philadelphia, Senior Consultant in Medicine at USNH, Philadelphia, and associate editor of the American Journal of the Medical Sciences. He served in the Navy in World War I and during World War II was Consultant in Medicine to the Commander of the South Pacific Fleet. He came to the Bay Area to deliver an address at the March meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

5 March

REMPHREY, Darrell Eugene, to wife of Eugene Remphrey, ADC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

SHANNONHOUSE, John Russell, to wife of Russell W. Shannonhouse, AOC, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

KOHLHAS, Cynthia Ann to wife of Albert Kohlhas Capt., 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

SORKNESS, Steven Eugene, to wife of Ronald Sorkness, AK2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

CRAWFORD, Larry Robert to wife of Robert Crawford, SN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

SCHREINER, Christopher Grant, to wife of Jacob Schreiner, Jr., T/Sgt., 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

ELDER, Sandra Lee, to wife of Walker Elder, GM1, 7 pounds, 13½ ounces.

O'MALLEY, Michael Thomas, to wife of John O'Malley, ENC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

6 March

CLYDE, Baby Girl, to wife of Vernon Clyde, GMC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

INTNER, Constance, to wife of Leonard Intner, AMAN, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

OAKES, Larry Wayne, to wife of Alonzo Oakes, SA, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

JONES, Kendall Keeting II, to wife of Kendall K. Jones, LT, 6 pounds, 13½ ounces.

THOMAS, Charles Frank, to wife of Charles Thomas, AD3, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

GREER, Ethel Mae, to wife of Harry Greer, SN, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

7 March

NELSON, Diane, to wife of Earl Nelson, BM2, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

LE PELLY, Marcia Ann, to wife of Harold Le Pelly, CS3, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

8 March

HALE, Kathleen Lee, to wife of John Hale, BMC, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

WHALEN, Thomas A., Jr., to wife of Thomas A. Whalen, MM1, 5 pounds.

MERRYMAN, Charles August III, to wife of Charles Merryman, Jr., LT, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

JONES, Evelyn Kay, to wife of Joseph Jones, ADC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

KIELWASSER, Baby Girl, to wife of Alfred Kielwasser, HM1, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

DOWNING, Thomas, to wife of Francis Downing, WO USMC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

SMITH, Melanie Ann, to wife of Richard Smith, AEAN, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

KNIGHT, William Christopher, to wife of William Knight, SK2, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

GRAY, Terrell, to wife of Billy Gray, TE3, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

9 March

FRY, Baby Girl to wife of Maurice Fry, HMC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

TRUESDALE, Claudia Mary, to wife of Morley Truesdale, S/Sgt., 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

SHIELDS, Baby Boy, to wife of Elmer Shields, SD3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

BOHN, William Coale, to wife of Charles Bohn, ET2, 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

STAMBAUGH, Baby Boy, to wife of John Stambaugh, Sgt. USA, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

HOOTS, Daniel Lee, to wife of Kenneth Hoots, ET1, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

SHIVER, Stephen Allen, to wife of Levi Shiver, SN, 4 pounds, 8 ounces.

HANSON, Carlene Marie, to wife of Carl Hanson, AOAN, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

10 March

FRANK, William Velton, to wife of James Frank, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

11 March

TEST, John Franklin II, to wife of John

Franklin Test, LTJG, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
DAVIDSON, Edwin Howard, to wife of Ernest Davidson, ADC, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
JONES, Kathleen Ann, to wife of Donald Jones, AN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

Red Cross Drive Nets \$300 in First Half

Although only two weeks have passed in the current Red Cross drive, Oak Knoll has already passed the one-quarter mark, Chaplain R. F. McComas, chairman of the drive, announced this week.

\$300 had been received as of Tuesday, 14 March. The quota for this hospital is \$1,000 to be raised by the end of March, when the drive ends.

Most of the money received at that time, the Chaplain stated was from contributions from the patients and civilians who were given a chance to contribute early in the drive. There are many more, however, who have not had a chance to give as yet, so the expectations for the coming week are great.



Donald Dean Elsea, Bentonville Arkansas veteran, claimed Eva Nadiene Martin of Seaside, California as his bride on 8 March in a single-ring ceremony, the first marriage recorded in the log of Ward 41B. Both bride and groom are recuperating from injuries incurred when they were involved in an automobile accident.

Chaplain R. F. McComas officiated at the ceremony. Witnesses were ENS Jean E. Peterson, NC, USN, and Jack Fuller, AK3, USN.



GEORGE R. TWEED
*Robinson Crusoe, USN
 Now on Ward 66B*

The only living American on Japanese-held Guam for 31 months and author of the book, "Robinson Crusoe, USN" is LT George R. Tweed, USNR, patient on 66B.

Tweed escaped from enemy-occupying forces by hiding in the bush on Guam from 12 December '41 to 10 July '44, when he was taken off the island by an American destroyer which was bombarding the island. The book is an account of his experiences there.

The lieutenant, in the reserves after 22 years' service, first saw Guam in August 1939 as an RM1. When news of the Japanese attack came, he decided instantly that he would take to the bush rather than fall captive, and braved machine-gun fire to obtain his CO's permission to set out on this dangerous adventure. Once he'd hit the bush, friendly Chamorros, natives of Guam, took care of him as best they could. Several were arrested and tortured, but few would reveal his whereabouts. Staying at 11 different places during the first 10 months of his ordeal, he at last found Antonio Artero, who provided a hiding place in an obscure part of his ranch for the remaining 21 months.

While on the island Tweed fixed an old radio and from San Francisco received news which he distributed to the natives via a one-page publication he typed up, and when American planes and warships began bombarding the island preparatory to invasion, he relayed valuable information to them. After his rescue, he was promoted to chief and found that he had \$6207 in back pay coming to him. One of his first purchases was a new Chevrolet for his Guamanian friend. This was the only payment he could persuade Artero to accept for feeding and sheltering him at the risk of his own life for nearly two years.

For his bravery and daring in eluding his pursuers and for keeping alive the "Chamorros' hope that the Americans would recapture Guam, Tweed was awarded the Legion of Merit by the late Secretary of the Navy, James V. Forrestal.

Life now is less strenuous for the 47-year-old war hero. He and his wife Dolores and their two children, George, Jr., 4; and Lolly, 3; make their home in Grants Pass, Oregon, where he owns several bowling alleys.

Through
 Oak Knoll's
 Alleys

With Tom Cat

If someone suddenly taps you lightly on the shoulder during the next few days, you can expect it to be either Thompson asking where your rate is, or the Collector of Internal Revenue asking about your income tax. Personally, I prefer the tax collector.

It seems that Miller is preparing for the future. Just the other day he signed up for a \$500 dancing course. Contract and all. MmmHmmm, read the small print next time, Paul.

I can assure you, Franks and Bennett, that there are better ways of breaking up a beautiful friendship. A handshake, perhaps (or dropping each other off the Bay Bridge).

I understand our great skiing champion, Sowl, is now in the orthopedic department for repairs as the result of a skiing accident last week end. What happened, D.D., foot slip off the rail?

At last the egg shortage is coming to an end. If you don't believe me, just take a gander at all the eggs "One Little Chick" laid last week. (So go ahead and sue.)

McClure has finally decided to marry. He's been spending so much money on his girl friend that he now has to marry her for his money.

While stumbling through the alleys I saw a very beautiful young lady give Barone one of the most attractive smiles I've ever been privileged to see. She must have been too polite to laugh.

In the Hen House
 by One Little Chick

St. Patrick's Day Mood: 'Twas a foin time for all you Irishmen on Ward 69A this week . . . Our singing galley corpsman "Danny Boy" Lynch believes in what must be an old Irish custom, "Whistle While You Work!" . . . Now that Danny has put us all in a wearing-of-the-green mood it has been noticeable in the many different concoctions downed by patients and staff . . . I won't mention any names, but you all know who I mean.

Partying is such sweet pleasure: On Thursday evening the home of Miss Dottie Tieman, one of the nurses on Ward 72A, was the scene of a shower given in honor of our own Louise Heins of the lab . . . Assisting Dottie as hostess at the shindig (I mean shower) was Anne Hoekstra (alias the little blonde bombshell) . . . Louise and Dewey, formerly of the lab also, have finally set a date for 10 April . . . Speaking of dates, Anne, Have you decided on yours yet? . . . Blonde corpsmen seem to be the Wave's choice, judging by reports from O.P.D., X-Ray, etc. It seems since Paul Moormeer received his sea orders, he's lost his title.

Across the breakfast table: Adamson saying with a mouth full of oatmeal, "Beer must make people smart. It made Bud-Weiser." Of course Harper agreed.

As a parting word, a fond farewell to Ferol Yearout, who will be Tennessee bound with her husband this week end. Another good New Englander gone rebel.



CDR CONSTANTIN RIZOS
*Greek Navy Doctor
 Here for ENT Study*

"I like it here very much—it was my dream to come to America," Commander Constantin Rizos, Royal Hellenic Navy, said as he spoke this week in somewhat uncertain English of his assignment as a resident in Oak Knoll's ENT Department.

The 41-year-old Greek officer, here on orders issued by the U.S. Navy Group, American Mission for Aid to Greece, has had 19½ years' service in the Greek Navy, five of them at the School of Military Medicine, University of Athens.

Escaping from enemy-held Greece by rowboat, when capture would have meant certain death, Dr. Rizos left his homeland during the war to join the Greek fleet in Alexandria and continue his service at sea, participating in the invasion of France and the hazardous engagement that led to re-capture of the island of Rhodes. In these actions he was aboard the Greek ships PINAOS and CRETE. Before the war he had served as Medical Officer aboard a "school ship," training center for officers of the Greek Navy. "This was not what you call . . . run by machine . . . it was . . ." Words failing him, CDR Rizos cupped his hand, shipshape, and blew briskly against it to indicate that this was a sailing vessel.

The visiting doctor, whose three and a half stripes and an extra loop of gold braid identify him as a Greek officer "half way between a commander and a captain," was serving as executive Officer and Chief of ENT at the Royal Navy Hospital in Arsenal when he received orders which brought him to Oak Knoll on 25 February. He is one of four Greek medical officers now in training in this country. Others are stationed at Chelsea, St. Albans, and Philadelphia.

CDR and Mrs. Rizos have taken quarters near the hospital, and both look forward with pleasure to their year in this area, their only regret being that they had to leave their 2-year-old son at home with his grandmother.

"Johnson is sure conceited."

"Yeah. Last birthday he sent a telegram of congratulations to his mother!"

Who's Who At The Hospital

From her birthplace and hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts, Connie Charron, HN of ward 69A, journeyed to that state's capital to enlist on 28 September 1948.



Connie attended Boston University for over a year, but quit when she was old enough to enlist in the SPARS during the war. She served with that organization for one year before shipping into the Navy. She arrived at Oak Knoll from Great Lakes Corps School in February 1949.

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Born in Springfield, Ohio, Charles R. Branch, HA, on 66A, still claims that as his residence address but enlisted in Columbus, Ohio, when he



decided to try the Navy for either a career or trade. He enlisted on 16 June 1949 and arrived at Oak Knoll on 11 February 1950.

During spare time, he studies for a rate and says he expects to try for advancement at the earliest opportunity. He finished high school before enlisting, and while there performed for his high school football team. He is also an enthusiastic supporter of softball.

Jimmie S. Philpot, HN, was born, according to him, in Pawaska, Oklahoma. In reality, he was born in Pawhuska. But who can blame him



for not knowing. He was so very young. After exercising his lungs in Pawhuska, Jimmie was moved to Noble, which city he quit to enlist in the Navy on 15 January 1948.

He arrived here on 15 November 1949 from Bethesda, Maryland, where he went after being stationed in Key West, Florida for nine months.

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Robert S. Carter, HA, of ward 41B, is another native Oklahoman who decided to see what fortune the Navy held for him. A motion picture operator in his native



city of Fairfax, Oklahoma, Carter quit that job to enlist in Ponca City on 15 September 1948. He arrived at Oak Knoll from Corps School on 26 March 1949.

Fresh-water fishing and small game hunting were favorite pastimes in his civilian life, but since enlistment, he has had few opportunities to carry on the sport. Stamp collecting now takes spare time.

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BARRICADE (Color)—Dane Clark, Ruth Roman, Raymond Massey. No available information.

20 March

BOY WITH GREEN HAIR—Pat O'Brien, Barbara Hale, Dean Stockwell. A Replay with no available information.

21 March

FATHER IS A BACHELOR—William Holden, Colleen Gray. No available information.

22 March

BELLS OF CORONADO (Color)—Roy Rogers, Dale Evans. The film is a very pleasant affair with plenty of action and beautiful camera work in true-color. The story, with a little different twist from the usual Western, is simple and easy to follow, and the songs by Rogers, Dale Evans, and the riders of the Purple Sage are easy to listen to and satisfying diversion from the action.

23 March

HOUSE ON 92ND STREET—Lloyd Nolan, Signe Hasso, Gene Lockhart. No available information.

24 March

MA AND PA KETTLE GO TO TOWN (Comedy)—Margie Main, Percy Kilbride. The Kettles change their way of living when Ma wins a big contest. They settle with their fifteen children in a new home complete with every improvement known to man, including a vacuum cleaner run by radar. Mike, a gangster, hides out in their former shack with a fortune in stolen money. When Pa discovers him they make a mutual deal; Pa will bring the bag of money to the gangster in New York, while Mike stays with the children during their absence. When Pa and Ma get to New York, a station porter gives the bag to Masterson, a big business man, by mistake, and many complicated and humorous incidents occur. Meanwhile Mike puts in a grueling time with the Kettle children.

25 March

WALK A CROOKED MILE—Dennis O'Keefe, Louis Hayward. A re-release with no available information.



Getting my money's worth.

17 Men Report For Baseball's First Turnout

With seventeen men reporting, the Oak Knoll Pirates held their first turnout for baseball Wednesday afternoon at the athletic field.

The practice was exactly what would be expected of the first earnest but stale and inexperienced playing. Several bright spots shone through, however, as several long balls were hit and a few sparkling bits of fielding were displayed.

Steve Tamborski, the former pro, gave a few hints on what made him eligible for those ranks by driving out hits and playing a good, steady field game. J. C. Stevenson, although suffering a badly-sprained ankle, also gave notice that he would be hard to deprive of a regular's uniform in the catcher's slot.

LT Rufus L. Thompson announced at the practice that a full-time athletic director will be hired in the near future to serve as full-time coach of all sports. Chaplain McComas also made the announcement that players of both baseball and softball will be put on one watch and the schedules arranged accordingly so the same men will be able to attend all games.

Welcome and Farewell

Sixteen persons were transferred from this hospital and eight were received aboard during the week of 8 March to 15 March 1950.

Transferred were: LT Victoria T. Goulet, to USNH, San Diego, California; LT Mary A. Harrington and LT Anna R. Kolessar to University of Colorado for instruction; James F. Anderson, Wayne D. Austin, Robert L. Griffin, Frank E. Hillyer, and Alexander Kozlowski, all HMCs to Camp Pendleton, California; John J. Lalla, HM2, Paul A. Moormeier, HM2, Harold L. Raihl, HM2, and Robert M. Thompson, HMC, to Pearl Harbor for further transfer; Jack T. Brandt, HM2, to USS Mt. McKinley; Leonard C. Royal, HM1, to USS Gunston Hall; Marvin E. Syvertson, HM2, to Fleet Marine Force, and Alfred L. Wuebbens, HMC, to Receiving Station, San Francisco, California.

Received aboard were: LTJG Louis Stadnick, LTJG Richard H. Hood, LTJG Robert E. Higgs, and Robert V. Kelly, HM2, from USNH, Mare Island, California; LTJG Gurdon L. Bradt from USS Turner; LTJG Earl M. Behning, LTJG James W. Cross, and LTJG Jack D. Mahoney from Naval Dental School, NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland.

Committee Here

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he said. He stressed the importance of maintaining a program for the care of retired personnel and assured the staff that this program will be continued. He also pointed out the fact that many of the great advances made in the field of medicine in the past few years have been made by Navy doctors.



Having completed their six months' course in X-ray training the above enlisted men this week were presented certificates of graduation by Captain K. H. Vinnedge, officer in charge of the X-ray department. The three students are, left to right: L. B. Wickwar, HN; M. L. Chappell, HN and W. O. Norwood, HN. Chappell led the class with a 92.50 average. Wickwar and Norwood each had an 87.50 average.

Pirates Lose to MINS 91-60

Worsham Sets Season Mark With 22 Points

In their last appearance of the season, the Oak Knoll Pirates lost out to a flashy, heartless Mare Island Naval Shipyard quintet by the lopsided score of 91 to 60.

The game was much more exciting than the score would indicate, since the Pirates came back with a vengeance during the second half which, while never threatening the Islanders' lead, made a thrilling game out of what had started as a massacre.

Eagan, a tall, agile center for the winners, was high for the game, with 24, but was closely followed by Bob Worsham, who poured 22 points through for the Bucs. It marked the first game of the season that Bob, set-shot artist for the Pirates, man-

aged to crack the exclusive "Twenty Circle" which he has always aimed for.

With only six men representing the Pirates, it seemed hopeless when Mickey Sumerlin reported at half-time with a badly-sprained finger. He sat out the second half, but when Jack Stevenson fell and hurt his ankle so badly that he couldn't walk, Mick came back in and played a fine game.

McComas was second high scorer for the Pirates with 19 points and a sterling floor game. Keane, although he scored only 6 points, was always in the Islanders' hair with his wide-awake, heads-up ball, and Stevenson, up until the time he was injured, was a ball of fire.



Although the striped pole, shaving mugs, and razor strops are missing, the days of barber-shop singing were revived briefly at the Chief's Club's Gingham and Dungaree dance Saturday night. Participants in the revival were, left to right:

HMCs W. W. Thompson, F. B. Anderberg, B. F. Wilson, C.O. Martin, L. F. Betoney, and CSC (ret.) R. O. Thomas. Reaction from others in the club is not known, but certainly it is that six people in the club were highly pleased with the results produced.



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Now on duty in the Psychiatric Service this group of Medical and Nurse Corps officers reported aboard recently from Mare Island. They will be among those honored at a Hail and Farewell Party at the Officer's Club on 1 April. Nurses are, left to right, LT Lydia F. Kiehler, LT Ruth M. Lawler, LT Evelyn R. Hulton, LTJG Marion Wieck, LT Mary A. Finch, LT Marguerite A. Bergsma, LTJG Mary V. Finn, LT Edla C. Warner, LTJG Cecelia J. Shea, ENS Jane Dudinski, LT Agnes T. Nerney. Doctors in the group are CDR Wait R. Griswold, CDR J. W. Thomas, CDR Edward L. Hammond, the Commanding Officer, CDR B. S. Kahn, LCDR Reginald V. Berry, and LCDR Henry S. Colony.

New Report Pending For Navy CPO's

By Armed Forces Press Service
Twice within the next year the duty performance of Navy chief petty officers and first class petty officers will be reported upon and submitted to the Bureau of Naval Personnel. The evaluation will be similar to the fitness reports required of all naval officers, and may determine whether the present quarterly marks system for CPO's and PO's may be revised later.

Covering the six months' period previous to their submittal, the reports will supply BuPers with vital personnel information on the Navy's sailor POs.

The first report will be submitted to BuPers July 15. The second report will be submitted Jan. 15, 1951, unless the plan is later extended beyond that date.

"Since the Evaluation Sheet will become one of the most important records available to the Bureau on senior petty officers, commanding officers will insure that careful thought is given to the completion of this report," according to BuPers Dir. Ltr. 23-50 (NDB, 15 Feb. 1950), the directive which announced the new plan.

The report is called "The Chief and First Class Petty Officer Evaluation Sheet" (NavPers 1339). It will be used to supplement other service documents to be used as a guide in selecting POs for special missions, for duty as instructors, and for promotions to warrant officer or limited duty officers—or for promotion to CPO in the case of PO's.

Commissary Conducts Food Handling School

Dr. W. W. Stiles, associate professor of public health at the University of California, yesterday delivered a lecture on "Food Poisoning and Food Infection" in the school for food handlers now being conducted by the Commissary Department of this hospital.

The school began on Friday 17 March, with an introduction to the course by LT R. O. Harrison.

Under the direction of LT Lucille R. Clark, MSC, USN, classes will continue until 14 April, at which time an examination will be given to all who are taking the classes.

In addition to the lectures, films explaining the various phases of commissary work will be shown. They are "The Stowaway," "Dishwashing Dividends," and "From Hash Slinging to Food Handling."

\$760 Collected For Red Cross In Current Drive

Hope to Reach \$1000 Goal by 1 April

A total of \$760 had been turned in at the end of the third week of Oak Knoll's annual Red Cross membership drive, Chaplain R. F. McComas announced Wednesday.

Since a number of departments are still to be heard from, the Chaplain is confident that substantial contributions during the fourth and final week will bring that figure up to the \$1000 goal set for the hospital.

As of Wednesday, civilian workers had contributed \$260.05; patients \$171.53; Red Cross staff workers \$123; and the enlisted staff \$91.87. Departments still to report are Public Works and Commissary and one group each of doctors and nurses.

GIVE NOW

Joe Reginato Will Direct Sports Here

Joe Reginato, former coach and athletic director for Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, will begin his duties as director of athletics for Oak Knoll on Saturday, 1 April, the Welfare and Recreation Department announced this week.

Chosen from a number of applicants, the new sports director, first the staff has had since 1945, comes to this hospital highly recommended. Since taking over as sports mentor at Moffett in November 1946, Reginato led the Air Station teams to district championships in golf, baseball, softball and basketball. In 1947 his basketball squad competed in the All-Navy basketball tournament.

A graduate of Dunsmuir High School in 1935, Reginato attended Modesto Junior College for two years and transferred to San Jose State College, where he received his degree in physical education in 1940. He received his master's degree from Stanford University in 1943.

As an all-round athlete in college, the coach lettered in football and participated in tennis, basketball, boxing, wrestling, diving, and track.

He was called to active duty as an enlisted man in the Marine Corps in December, 1942, and was commissioned second lieutenant four months later. He saw active duty in the South Pacific with the Marine Third Raider Battalion in the Solomons in 1944.



Chaplain R. F. McComas, chairman of the current Red Cross Drive, accepts contributions from LT Ima Cudd, representative of nurses, and R. J. Underwood, HA, representative of corpsmen. Their contributions brought the total received to date to \$760.

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This Time a Congressman Writes

Letters of appreciation for care provided at Oak Knoll frequently come from patients, but it is seldom that a Congressman takes time out from his duties in Washington to commend the hospital. That is what J. Harry McGregor, 17th District, Ohio, did on 6 March. His letter follows:

Dear Sir:

I am today in receipt of a letter from an old friend of mine, George Hay, who is in Ward 44-A of your hospital, and I want to transfer to you the message that he has given me. He states he is receiving excellent treatment and that you are most considerate of his needs.

I want to commend you for your activities. This information is being given, as I know, should conditions be opposite of what they presently are, we congressmen would be the first to criticize.

You are congratulated for the splendid job you are doing.

Respectfully yours,

J. HARRY MCGREGOR, MC
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Quiz Program Starts April First "WELCOME STRANGER"

That's the greeting every loyal citizen of the United States should keep in mind, for the next two months at least, when 150,000 agents start next month on their decennial task of gathering information for one of Uncle Sam's most mammoth undertakings—the 1950 Census of Population, Housing and Agriculture.

On April 1, when the census army comes around, there will be no fooling. Equipped with plenty of patience, pencils and forms, this determined army of "quiz men" have 60 days to canvass approximately 42,000,000 families, 6,000,000 farms and 150,000,000 people.

Of more than passing interest is the fact that the 1950 census will not seek religious affiliation.

The Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies met in Philadelphia Pa., last November, when the final vote on the resolution to include religious statistics in the census was five in favor and five opposed. This stalemate, however, was broken by Dr. W. S. Kerschner, chairman of the group, who voted "No."

Of the 150,000,000 persons in the United States, approximately 70,000,000 belong to no church, another 30,000,000 "still on the books," have given up the practice of religion. This means a mass of 100,000,000 individuals in our country living off the benefits of Christianity, yet becoming less and less conscious of the great Christian fundamentals which make their present way of life possible.

The trend toward paganism in our country has not developed to the degree that it is incapable of remedy. The majority of the 100,000,000 Americans now being reached by few, if any, in the name of Christ, fortunately are still blessed with an abundance of common sense. Certainly they are neither anti-religious nor atheistic. They are known for fair play for all men of all nations.

"He that rejecteth wisdom and discipline is unhappy; their hope is vain, their labors without fruit, and their works unprofitable." (Wisdom 3:11.)

Francis John Klass,
Catholic Chaplain.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150, Saturday Mass 1150.
Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.



The Most Reverend Hugh A. Donahue, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to four members of the staff at St. Mary's Church, Oakland, last Saturday. They were HMC's L. F. Betoney, C. A. Weitz, and J. M. Simms, and ENS Oweida M. Searcy, who are pictured here with the Bishop and the Reverend Charles Philipps, pastor of St. Mary's. G. A. Zilch, HA, acted as sponsor for the chiefs, LTJG Anna Clark for Miss Searcy.

Red Cross Ramblings

THEY GOT RHYTHM! A new galaxy of stars has risen over the Oak Knoll horizon and the twice-weekly dances at the Red Cross Lounge, Building 102, is tops for fun Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 1900. The added interest is plenty of down-beat provided by a new patient combo known as the Rhythm Four Band (soon to be known as Rhythm Five!). The featured musicians who have been working hard on good arrangements and a smooth but sparkling style are **Jack Hyde**, EN1, drums; **Ron Friese**, MUSN, trumpet; **Harry Adams**, AN, electric guitar; **Les Pope**, Pfc M.C., bass, with **James Collins**, Pfc, M.C., as alternate on the bass. "**Chuck**" **Dewey** MUSN, is now working in with his saxophone.

Hostesses for these Red Cross dances are increasing in number and all of them declare that the "patients at Oak Knoll are wonderful hosts to them and treat them royally!" Besides dancing, ping-pong and table games come in for their share of popularity so be on hand to meet the ladies!

CLOSE MATCH on 63A: A heavily contested pinochle session was recently concluded on 63A and appropriate awards were made during a recreation party on Tuesday night. The winning team consisted of **George Mitchell**, veteran, and **Harold Griffiths**, CS3. Honorary blue-ribboned badges were pinned on the lucky but bashful winners, while breathless runners-up were **Mr. McConchle** and **T. H. Heever**, HSSA.

INTRODUCING: **Russell Ruiz**, AE3, of 60B. Ruiz is achieving a quiet fame of his own among wardmates and hospital personnel which some day might be far more well known. The art talent shown by this patient is more than promising, for he is already developing an individual style through keen observation and careful, yet bold, craftsmanship. Ruiz is aided and abetted by **John Hayes**, veteran (the "philosopher" on 60B), and **Yvonne Crump**, Red Cross volunteer art instructor. Both Ruiz and **C. D. Stockton**, YN3, are also interested in miniature gardening.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

12 March

FARRELL, James Milton, 10 pounds, 15 ounces.
SPRINGER, Baby Boy, to wife of William Springer, MU1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
PRATT, Kathryn Lee, to wife of Robert Pratt, Capt., USMC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
NEAL, Randal Bradley, to wife of Randal Neal, AN, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

13 March

YOHAN, Robert Earl, to wife of Robert Yohan, HM1, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.
McCOY, Susan Marie, to wife of Raymond McCoy, ATCA, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
PRUSKI, Robert Thomas, to wife of Leonard Pruski, LCDR, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.
NELSEN, Timothy Lowell, to wife of Everett Nelsen, ADC, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
HARROLD, David Michael, to wife of Dale Harrold, DT1, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.
BARKER, William Kenneth, to wife of William Barker, ETC, 5 pounds, 2 ounces.

14 March

WARD, Baby Girl, to wife of Raymond Ward, HMC, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
McLEMORE, Albert Sydney IV, to wife of Albert Sydney McLemore III, ENS, 12 pounds, 12 ounces.
BROWN, Samuel Ernest, Jr., to wife of Samuel E. Brown, AD3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
NEILANDER, Judith Lee, to wife of Edward Neilander, BM3, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
LINT, Charles, to wife of Billy Lint, QMC, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

15 March

NEAL, Robert Owen and William Raymond, to wife of Raymond Neal, LT, 2 pounds, 2 ounces, and 4 pounds, 15 ounces.
FARMER, Baby Girl, to wife of Charles Farmer, T/Sgt., 5 pounds, 8 ounces.
WYMORE, Patrick Jerome, to wife of Aubrey Wymore, LCDR, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
ANDERSON, Sharon, to wife of John Anderson, AKA, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
SMYTHE, Read Emerson II, to wife of Read E. Smythe, Jr., YN2, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

16 March

OVERSTREET, Kern J., to wife of Kern Overstreet, HM1, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
JOSE, Patrick Frank, to wife of Edward Jose, CSE (ret.), 4 pounds, 6 ounces.
HANSON, Teresa Lee, to wife of Harry Hanson, YN3, 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.

17 March

COLE, Patricia Jane, to wife of Albert Cole, BM3, 8 pounds.
COOK, John Edward, to wife of Daniel Cook, HM1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
LEPPING, Robert George, Jr., to wife of Robert Lepping, SN, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
CHRISTIANSEN, James Martin, to wife of Carl Christiansen, BTC, 7 pounds.

18 March

BLAKE, Constance Jeanne, to wife of Robert Blake, MMC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
DESIRO, Janice Lynn, to wife of Joseph Desiro, AOAN, 8 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces.
GRECO, Judith Faye, to wife of Joseph Greco, Cpl., 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
HORNIAK, John Louis Andrew, to wife of John Horniak, BM1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
WILLIAMSON, Baby Boy, to wife of Robert Williamson, LTJG, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
WILETS, Gregory Allen, to wife of John Wilets, LTJG, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
STEPHENS, Elizabeth Eva, to wife of Paul Stephens, AD1, 6 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces.
CHARLEAUROS, Victor Thomas, to wife of Jose Charleauros, SD1, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
WILKERSON, Helen, to wife of George Wilkerson, CECN, 8 pounds.

Who's Who...

An ambition to study medicine was the driving factor which led Robert E. Geiger, HM3 of 51B to join the Navy and the Hospital Corps. He hopes eventually to become a doctor and specialize in psychiatry.

Geiger was born in California, but moved to Arkansas in plenty of time to acquire an accent. He lives in Huntington, Arkansas, but enlisted in Ft. Smith on 7 July 1947. He was stationed at Mare Island before coming here on 7 March 1950.

Hunting and fishing are favorite hobbies, but volleyball, baseball, and swimming are favorite competitive sports.

Although trapping rabbits with his bare hands doesn't occur often enough to make it rank as a hobby, John J. Pratt, HN, of 45A's galley, says it was interesting enough to rank as one of the main thrills of his life.

Pratt was born in Memphis, Tennessee, but later moved to Missouri, which he now calls home. He enlisted in St. Louis on 1 October 1948 and was sent to Great Lakes for his boot training. He took his Corps School training in San Diego before arriving here on 8 April 1949.

Love of Texas is not born; it is acquired! This was proven recently when Richard N. Glasgow, HN, 66A, became indignant when asked whether he considered himself an Iowan or Texan. He drew himself up to his full six feet (all Texans are six feet), and thundered, "Texan, by Gad, and if I had my pearl-handled Stetson here, I'd prove it."

Glasgow enlisted in Houston on 12 September 1948 and arrived here in March the following year.

Donley E. Campbell, HM3, of X-Ray had a unique occupation before enlisting. He worked as a groom. Whether that means he practiced bigamy, stood in for wedding practices, or stood by for busy executives is not known. Maybe he really did work at a riding academy.

Campbell still resides in his birthplace of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, but enlisted in Pittsburgh on 20 January 1948. After Boot Camp and Corps School at Great Lakes, he was sent to USNH, Portsmouth, for 10 months, then to Bethesda for a six months' course of X-Ray training, and finally to Oak Knoll on 21 November 1949.

In the Hen House

by One Little Chick

Now that spring is officially four days old, it will be nice when the grass grows up along the roadside and hides the discarded beer cans (and I'm not referring to Oak Knoll).

Ponderings of the Week... Wonder if Jenny Rhoades has noticed any "odd looking spots" lately? Of course I'm referring to measles, Jenny.

Speaking of measles, cupid doesn't care where he aims his arrows these days as evidenced with a certain little blonde, does he Danny?

Could the "loose one" in B wing of HCQ be our own prowling Tom Cat?

Beware of the "Boxer"—Dog that is!... The new customer frequenting the "Firefly" these days seems to be partial to sailor's hats (warning to all corpsmen). Just ask Wallace, who was a victim of his playful antics.

Shore Patrol: "Where is your hat, sailor?"

Sailor: "Dog chewed it."
Poor excuse, Wally, even though we know it's true.

Let's Take an Old-Fashioned Walk... Turned out to be quite a climb, didn't it, Campbell? (you know these mountains surrounding Oak Knoll). But of course the pleasant company in the person of a certain little Wave called Betsy made up for the damage done to your new sport jobs, hmm!

Sentimental Journey... Oak Knoll almost had an AWOL corpsman over last week end when Irvine took the wrong turn in the road on his little jaunt. What's the matter A—, did you feel like getting close to nature? Ten miles of cow pasture is a long piece to mistake for road.

Another chick leaving us this week will be Jeanie Sharpe (Michelfelder). Lots of luck to you, you happy civilian, and back to the Hen House for me.

Red Cross Movies In Military Hospitals Top 100,000,000 Mark

Attendance at Red Cross movies in military hospitals topped the hundred million mark this month, according to reports from National Headquarters.

More than a million individual showings of first run films have been given since the program began in November, 1941, just a month before the United States' entrance into World War II. At its peak during the war the Red Cross film program which was operating in 437 hospitals was one of the largest movie chains in the world.

Approximately 75 military hospitals now receive the films regularly. Two pictures a week are shown on regular 35 mm. projectors in hospital theaters and on 16 mm. projectors in wards for non-ambulatory patients. The films are rented from the major motion picture companies and released prior to their appearance in first-run commercial theaters.

At Rodanthe on Hatteras Island just off the North Carolina coast, Christmas is still celebrated on January 6, the ages-old Twelfth Night.

BELL BOTTOMED TROUSERS—NEW STYLE



Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations (left), compares old and new Navy uniforms. The new model, worn by Charles Tillman (right), of Hammondsport, N. Y., has a loose cuff on the blouse, instead of a tightly buttoned one. The trousers have zippered fronts with slash and hip pockets, and are held by a belt instead of lacing. Joseph J. Vettese, of DuQuoin, Ill., models the present uniform.



The following is a list of a few of the currently popular books recently received in the library...

ROSA, by Bryan Morgan
GOLDEN VALLEY, by Frances Gragg

A SEARCH FOR THE KING, by Roge Vidal

ISLANDS OF UNWISDOM, by Robert Graves

THE WOLFSHEAD, by Jere Wheelright

PRINCE OF EGYPT, by Dorothy Wikon

(This last named of the new novels is a top best seller.)

HISTORY OF U.S. NAVAL AVIATION, by Archibald Turnbull

MEDITERRANEAN BACKGROUND, by Newman

WHAT TO MAKE AND HOW TO MAKE IT

LAYMAN'S GUIDE TO MODERN ART, by Rathbun

DARK TREES TO THE WIND, by Carl Carmer

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STRUGGLE FOR GUADALCANAL (Vol V of the series, HISTORY OF U.S. NAVAL OPERATIONS IN WORLD WAR II), by Samuel E. Morison

Welcome and Farewell

Five persons were transferred from and nine were transferred to this command during the period of 15 to 22 March. Transferred were LT Rose Lavigne, to USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia; ENS Nieves Arano, to civilian life; Terreso B. Hawk, HM1 WAVE, to NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; Robert W. Hasbrook, HMC, to 50 Fell Street, San Francisco; and Allen A. Schnell, HMC, to USS Ajax.

Received aboard were LTJG Louis M. Ellis, from USNH, Long Beach; LT Charlotte C. Maas, from USNH, Mare Island; LTJG Homer C. Wick, from civilian life; LT Mary L. Weller, LT Rosa J. Delfs, and LTJG Charles C. Reberger, from USNH, Mare Island; Robert Lyons, HMC, from Naval Receiving Station, San Francisco; M. H. Myers, HM1, from USNH, Mare Island; and Joseph E. Poe, HMC, from Naval Damage Control Training Center, Treasure Island.

The blacksmith was instructing a novice in the way to treat a horse-shoe. "I'll bring the shoe from the fire and lay it on the anvil. When I nod my head, you hit it with the hammer."

The novice did just exactly as he was told.

A person is taller in the morning than at night.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 26 March

THREE CAME HOME—Claudette Colbert, Patric Knowles. The story in which Colbert plays a real life role of the author of the book is depicted untheatrically and with a great deal of genuineness. Hayakawa gives a vivid portrayal of the Japanese militarist's confusion of loyalties, hatreds and devotions.

Monday, 27 March

THE HOME STRETCH—Cornel Wilde, Maureen O'Hara. A release with no available information.

Tuesday, 28 March

STAGE FRIGHT—Richard Todd, Jane Wyman. Marlene Dietrich, musical comedy star, presumably finds her husband murdered and turns to Richard Todd, a heart throb, for protection. He provides it, then turns panicky when police officers show up for questioning and appeals to Jane Wyman for assistance. Miss Wyman, in turn, enlists the aid of Alistair Sim, her father, whose better judgment warns him not to interfere but whose spirit of adventure wins out.

Wednesday, 29 March

COWBOY AND THE PRIZE FIGHTER—Jim Bannon, Little Brown Jug. This time, Red Ryder is pitted against a gang of smoothies who have a due purpose in their villainy; plotting the robbery of \$5,000 in gold, and setting up a crooked boxing match.

Thursday, 30 March

OUTRIDERS—Joel McCrea, Arlene Dahl, James Whitmore. Joel McCrea, Barry Sullivan and James Whitmore are a trio of Confederate soldiers, who escape a Northern prison camp, and head south. The three are picked up by a band of irregulars and forced to sell themselves as outriders for a wagon train, to guide it to ambush, the aim a heavy shipment of gold designed for the Northern forces. McCrea is most reluctant; that feeling increasing as he falls in love with Arlene Dahl, en route with the train, and battles for her affections with Sullivan.

Friday, 31 March

REFORMER AND THE REDHEAD—Dick Powell, June Allyson. The reformer is Dick Powell and the volatile redhead, June Allyson. He's running for mayor of Oakport, California. She's the daughter of Cecil Kellaway, long-standing superintendent of the City's Zoo who is fired by Ray Collins, Oakport's leading citizen and political boss, for objecting to mounting the stuffed heads of the animals. Collins is supposed to have shot on an African safari; Kellaway prefers his animals alive.

Saturday, 1 April

THE VELVET TOUCH—Rosalind Russell, Leo Genn, Sydney Greenstreet. A release with no available information.

CREAMPUFFS!

Caracas (AFPS)—Thirty-two seamen suffered skin eruptions when the steamship Sauaro was dive-bombed by butterflies enroute from Venezuela to Sweden.

Through
Oak Knoll's
Alleys

With Tom Cat

You here again? Well, let's see what's on the menu of humorous occurrences and laughable situations for this week.

Crovo has finally decided to lead a clean-cut life. Last week was the beginning of it. Monday he cut out smoking. Tuesday he cut out liquor. Wednesday he cut out women. Thursday he cut out paper dolls.

Yeah, times are tough all over. This is being proven to Blunier by the fact that he can't find any tiny, discarded pieces of soap in the shower any more. But cheer up, boy competition's what made this country great!

So "One Little Chick" wants to start a cold war of words, eh? They're having them everywhere else, so we may as well have one, too. But, remember, a nice tender chick is a cat's favorite meal.

Since they've begun taking chest plates at the receiving room, Hunter has suggested this very appropriate slogan, "Every Chest or Bust."

When the port watch on Ward 63B pull a week-end liberty, they really go all out for it. Not just a bar, a movie, a bar, a girl, and a bar. Oh, no! They go out in sixty-five (that's twenty-one and two-thirds yards, I think) yacht (that's a boat, so they tell me... or would it be a ship) with the ultra, upper class. Gad! now we won't be able to speak to them for weeks and one of them had a good-lookin' phone number he was getting ready to discard.

Did anyone else hear McCoy last Sunday when he said, "I got up at the crack of dawn; fixed the crack, and then went back to sleep?"

I made the fatal mistake the other day of asking Giraldez what kind of woman he would consider marrying. "Before I'd even think of her," Chris said, "She'd have to be the kind of woman who wouldn't be interested in a man like me." Doesn't want much, does he?

George Young says that after he is discharged he is going to make his living by going around and betting that he can pull an ace, jack or deuce out of a deck of cards in three tries. Don't ever take him up on it because the odds favor him, 36 out of 52.

R. L. (Tex) Bostwick has announced that the little notice he ran a few weeks ago didn't have the desired results. Several women have called him, he says, but they all thought he was bluffing and didn't have cars. Only money, youth, personality, and beauty... nary a car in the bunch. "Naturally I turned them all down," he says.

Captain Gillett Assumes
Command of Bethesda

Captain R. M. Gillett, MC, USN, who served as Executive Officer here from 7 July 1947 to 1 August 1949, has taken over his new duties as Commanding Officer at U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland. He has served as CO at the Naval Hospital at Chelsea, Massachusetts, since August.

Bucs Lose First
Softball Tilt 5-1

By garnering three unearned runs in the first, one in the fifth and one in the sixth, the Mission Baptists of Oakland defeated the Oak Knoll Pirates Monday night by the score of 5 to 1.

The Pirates outhit the winners, but sloppy fielding and failure to hit with men on bases proved the margin of victory.

Bill Wigham was the winning pitcher, giving up seven hits in as many innings, and Oscar Lindblad was the losing pitcher, although he allowed only four hits in the seven-inning contest.

Scoring began in the last half of the first inning when the first man up drove out a long single. Two errors, a walk, and a long fly later, the Baptists had a three-run lead.

In the first half of the second, the Pirates got their first hit by way of a double down the first-base line by R. F. McComas, playing coach of the team. Although he stole third, the three men following could do nothing to advance him.

Oak Knoll's lone run came in the third inning. Lindblad, first man up in that inning, placed a line double, stole third, and came home on a fly ball by J. C. Stevenson, catcher and lead-off man for the Pirates.

Longest hit of the game came off the bat of C. A. Johnson, third baseman for the Bucs. As the first man up in the fourth, Johnson drove a long line drive into deep right-center field. Easily a triple, Johnson was thrown out when he attempted to stretch it into a home run.

With men on second and third in the fifth inning, a high fly was hit to Forrest in center field who, for no reason whatsoever, dropped it, and allowed the fourth run for the winners to trot across the plate. The final run came in the sixth when an error, two stolen bases, and an infield out were put together.

McComas led the hitting for the losers with a double and single in two appearances at the plate.

Moffett Field
Slips by Pirates

In their first appearance of the season, the Oak Knoll Pirates were smothered by an avalanche of errors and hits and succumbed to the Moffett Field Sky-Masters with a one-way score of 18 to 0.

The game was played on Tuesday, 21 March, at the winner's field.

Scheduled to go a full nine innings, the game was called at the last half of the fourth because of impending rain, darkness, and the stratospheric score.

In the four and one-half innings, the three pitchers for the Pirates allowed 18 runs, 11 hits, 4 walks, 3 wild pitches, 2 balks, and one hit batter, while the fielders backing them up committed 11 errors. The pitcher for the Sky-Masters in the same time allowed no runs, 2 hits, four walks and struck out seven men while his fielders backed him up, with 1 error.

Steve Tamborski started on the mound for the Pirates, but was relieved after three innings by Morris Neely who hurled for two-thirds of an inning and was in turn relieved by Earl Pressnall who pitched the final third.

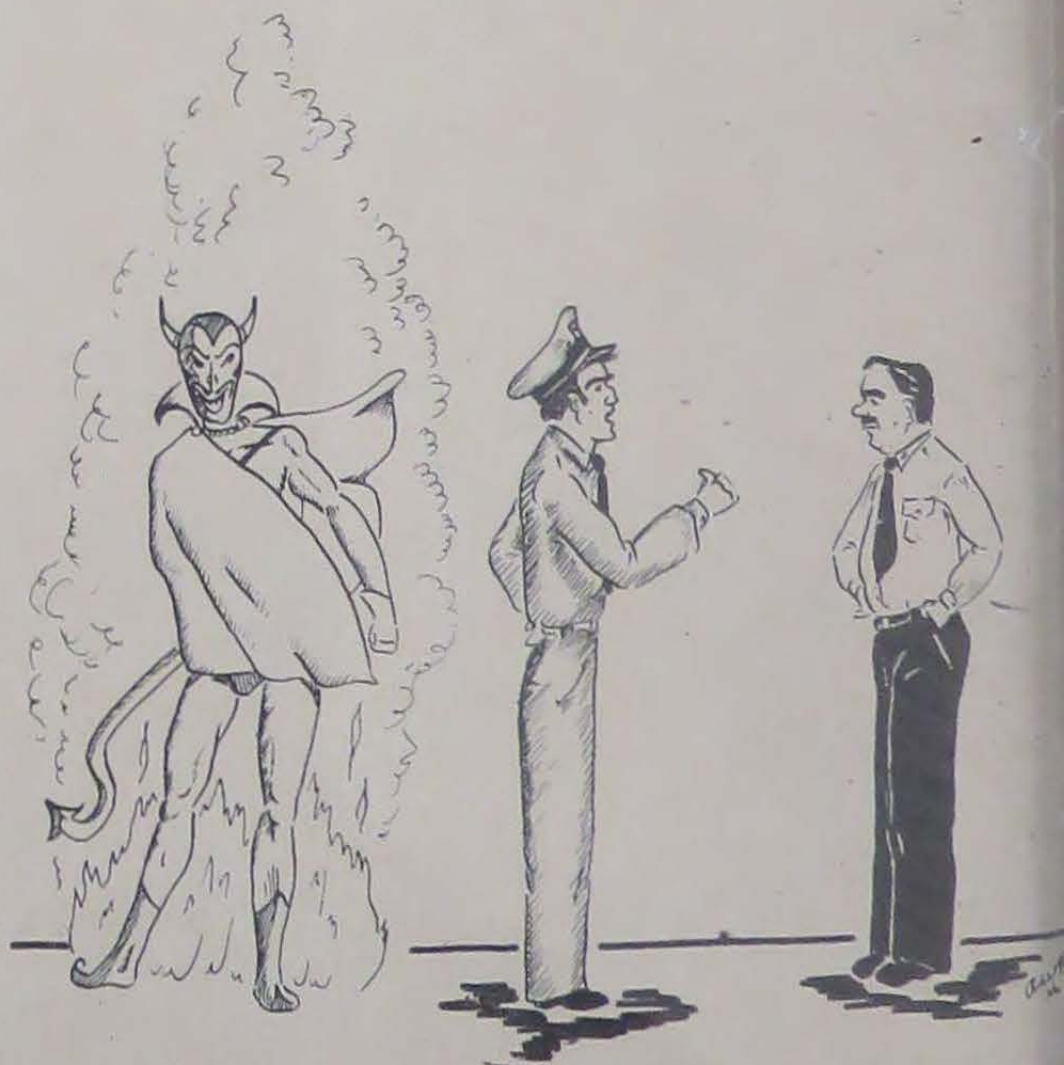
The two hits for the Pirates were garnered by T. R. Brack and Henry Mitchell, both of whom laced clean singles to the outfield. Leading hitter for the Sky-Masters was Kellerhals, third baseman, who hit four for four, a triple, a double, and two singles.

Batteries for the game were Tamborski, Neely, Pressnall, Mitchell and Stevenson; for Moffett Field, Wilson and Delo.

He took her gently in his arms
And prest her to his chest.
The lovely color left her face
And lodged upon his vest.

"Was Jane in a red frock at the dance?"

"Some of her, darling. Some of her."



THAT MR. LUCIFER HAS SOME MORE IDEAS FOR THE MASTER-ARMY.



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Saturday, 1 April, 1950



Ruth Dorothy Ford, HMI, WAVE, is shown being congratulated by Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer, for her "energy, loyalty and co-operation above and beyond her normal duties." Miss Ford was given the commendation on Saturday, 25 March for "working overtime on her regular liberty hours while on ward duty in the Dependents' Service of this hospital." The popular HMI is detailed to Ward 72B.

Plan Chapel Services For Easter Week

Special services commemorating the Easter Season will be held in the chapel during the coming week, according to the schedule announced by LCDR R. F. McComas, ChC, USN, Senior Chaplain.

First of these will be tomorrow, Palm Sunday. Protestant services will be held at 11 o'clock. Catholic masses are scheduled at 0330 and 0900. Masses will also be held at 1150 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; and on Holy Thursday, 6 April, mass will be held at 1630.

"Meditation on the Cross" is the subject for a Protestant program to be held at 1200, 7 April, in observance of Good Friday. No sunrise services are planned, but an Easter Worship Service will begin at 1100, followed by Holy Communion at 1205.

Catholics will observe a day of fasting and abstinence from 2400 Thursday to 1200 Saturday, and a program, "Stations of the Cross," is scheduled for 1500 Good Friday. Mass on Saturday will be held at 1150, and confes-

Miss Rittenhouse is Bride

Of interest to their friends here was the announcement this week of the marriage of LT Helen Rittenhouse, ward nurse on 60B, and Robert W. Sedam, civilian driver in the transportation department.

The couple were married Saturday, 25 March, in Sacramento. Both are well known at the hospital. Miss Rittenhouse reported here from the USS General Mann last April and Sedam joined the civilian staff more than two years ago. They will make their home in Oakland.

Club Party Tonight

Newcomers and departing members of the staff will be honored tonight at a Hail and Farewell Party at the Officers Club.

The party will begin with cocktails at 1800; buffet supper will be served from 1930 to 2000, and dancing will continue until midnight.

sions will be heard at 1830 and 1930. Easter Masses will be held at 0530 and 0900.

ARC Contributions Still Coming

More than \$850 had been turned in by personnel participating in Oak Knoll's 1950 Red Cross Membership Drive up until Thursday morning.

This figure, \$150 short of the \$1000 goal set for the hospital, did not include sums to be turned in by three groups of doctors and two of nurses.

Chaplain R. F. McComas, who is chairman for the membership drive

here, hoped that by today, when the drive officially closes, the final tally would reach the \$1000 mark. Although the campaign is over, anyone who has not had a chance to join may still do so by sending his contribution to the Chaplain's office.

Complete returns from the 1950 drive will be published in next week's Oak Leaf. The hospital contributed \$900.95 to the Red Cross last year.

Today Ends 31-Year Cruise for LCDR E. C. Spencer, MSC, USN

Oak Knoll this week bid a reluctant goodbye to LCDR Earl C. Spencer, MSC, USN, whose retirement from the Naval Service is effective as of today.

During his career in the Navy, Mr. Spencer has advanced through the rates and ranks from HA to LCDR and has seen more of the world in the past 31 years than most men do in 61.

Believe it or not, the popular MSC officer, who likes to refer to himself as "an old salt," had his first military experience in the Army. Attending high school in Grants Pass, Oregon, he was appointed to the Student Army Training Corps, U. S. Army, and sent to Oregon Agricultural College, now Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon. His youth, discovered eight months later, came between him and that branch of the service, and he was released because of it.

The young Oregonian enlisted in the Navy on 11 March 1919, was sent to Corps School at Yerba Buena Island (then referred to as Goat Hill), and on to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Olangapo, P. I., which was then the old hospital ship, "Repose," for his first assignment.

Among the highlights of Mr. Spencer's colorful career were his tours of duty aboard the old coal-burning USS New Orleans, station ship at Vladivostok, Siberia, his service aboard the USS Reno, when she assisted in the rescue of LCDR John Rodgers, whose plane went down as he was attempting a flight to Honolulu in 1925. From September 1927 to July 1931 he served with the Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua as First Lieutenant in the Cuerpo Medico de Nicaragua. Overseas at the height of the war, he was Officer in Charge of the Navy Medical Storehouse, No. 1, at Noumea, New Caledonia, which was later moved to Subic Bay, P. I. When that activity was disestablished, he was transferred to the U. S. Naval Medical Supply Depot, Guam, M. I., to serve as Executive Officer. He returned to the States in August 1946. His change from rate to rank came in 1940, while he was attending Commissary Officers' School at Philadelphia. He was advanced to LCDR since coming to Oak Knoll, with date of rank as of 1 January 1949.

Mr. Spencer reported to Oak Knoll in May 1948 and since then has served as Officer in Charge of the Commissary, where his good food and good nature have earned many friends for him.

The retiring Naval Officer is a registered pharmacist, having studied at the University of Washington and passed the State Board of Pharmacy in 1938, while he was attached to the U. S. Naval Air Station, Seattle.



LCDR E. C. Spencer, MSC

Marines, Attention

According to an ALMAR received this week from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Provisions of General Order 23, which authorized enlisted personnel to select their duty station upon reenlistment have been cancelled.

Personnel transferred subsequent to 31 December 1949 and prior to this ALMAR (Encl. 3 to General Order 23) under reenlistment leave orders will be considered as transferred under regular change of station orders and entitled to the same reimbursement, proceed time, and travel time as provided for enlisted personnel on permanent change of station. Only so much of time involved as exceeds proceed and travel time will be charged as leave.

Small Stores Moved to 132

Small Stores has moved again, this time to Building 132, in the room formerly occupied by Archives.

Although he "has lots of irons in the fire," Mr. Spencer has no definite plans for the future—except to take his wife, Betty, on a vacation that will include a visit to Bremerton and Seattle and several days' fishing on the Rogue River.

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DEPENDENT SERVICE SATISFIES

Dear Captain Cook:

May I express my appreciation for the existence and the efficiency of the Out-patient department of your hospital.

My wife's pre-natal care was intrusted to the capable and competent hands of Captain Gallegos, who at all times was most understanding and comforting, in addition to his professional guidance and constant assiduity in my wife's behalf.

Her confinement and delivery was handled by Dr. David C. Beer, and his never failing interest, his tact and his exceptional skill, made us equally convinced of our good fortune and increased our gratitude.

While in the hospital my wife was the recipient of innumerable courtesies from each of the personnel attached to this department, so is it any wonder that a feeling of deep gratitude and appreciation prompts this letter, because in thinking of our experience at Oak Knoll, it can only be expressed in the superlative.

Very respectfully,

ROBERT C. GORDON
Commander, USN.

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

This Sunday Christians celebrate the entry of Christ into the Holy City of Jerusalem. He went there knowing full well that it would mean the Cross. Why, many ask, did He choose death when He could have chosen life? Was He not free to go or not to go? A man can be free from all external authority and still be a slave, a slave to his own self will. True freedom is positive in character. It is more than freedom from evil conditions that prevent the full development of personality; it is the freedom that is born when personality dedicates itself to the pursuit of good. It is freedom in the truth, born of commitment to God, in whose love and service man becomes truly free and truly man. This higher freedom Christ enjoyed and exercised. Being free He could not have chosen otherwise and remained consistent with what He had represented in His life and teachings up to that point.

Martin Luther explained it pretty well in giving the paradox of Christian experience in his thesis "On Christian Liberty." He said, "A Christian man is the most free lord of all, and subject to none, a Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all and subject to everyone." He is free since justified by faith. He is no longer under the law of works and is in a new personal relationship with Christ, but he is a servant because bound by love to bring his life into conformity to the will of God, and to be helpful to his neighbor.

Christ used His freedom to choose something that would be hard on Him, but please God and help all men. He was saying in a way that no one would be able to forget "there is only one real value of freedom, and that is to use it to go on to the highest and best of which we are capable." Thank God we are free to choose the best.

Robert F. McComas,
Senior Chaplain.

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Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Adult Bible Class, Bldg. 133.....0930
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.
Novena every Wednesday at 1900.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

SUDDEN SILENCE! Ward 62A is a suddenly quiet place these evenings. One can practically hear a temperature drop. Reason: popular patient **Leonard Williams**, veteran, has left the ward and, if you DIDN'T know it, Mr. Williams was the **CHAMP SNORER** of them all. This isn't hearsay, either, since Mr. Williams had bulging scrapbooks featuring his exceptional talent. "Believe-it-or-not" Ripley headlined Mr. Williams' abilities as Snore Champ some time ago. Thassa fact! Ward 62A is reeling back to an even keel again.

Ward 62A has a lot of unsung talent on it; so we'll sing a little. Mr. **John D. Mahon**, veteran, is a graduate in architecture from Columbia University and, for many years, worked for one of the foremost firms on the West Coast. He is currently demonstrating some of his ideas on the ward with the help of a set of Red Cross miniature building blocks with which one can quickly work out many types of structures.

HILLTOP TALENT: Ward 75A bustles with patient activity as **E. L. Olinger**, ADAA (who was just barely nosed out for a first prize in the recent Red Cross Model contest), makes a car with wheel AND steering gear which all turn. His latest destroyer escort is a marvel of fine, added detail. **Lee Nickell**, veteran, 75A, in addition to doing outstanding work on models is constructing fine draughtman's tools from materials such as plastics and airplane bolts procured from the Red Cross Craft Shop. These instruments, if purchased on the outside, would cost him a small fortune. But Nickell knows what he wants as he is taking a course in Architectural Engineering and Designing!

AH SPRING!! Signs of the times at Oak Knoll were well demonstrated at the Red Cross Lounge last Monday night when patients and staff visited with members of four outstanding sportsman's groups and got the latest tips on local hunting and fishing as well as the fine equipment one can

use. Good spring weather is stirring the blood of more and more patients and hospital staff who can get off the compound—for a bit of early season fishing, especially!

Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer at this station, is an ace fisherman himself and was on hand to greet representatives of the **Richmond Rod and Gun Club**, **Rollingwood Rod and Gun Club**, **San Leandro Sportsmen's Club** and the **Concord Rod and Gun Club**. These groups swapped tales with the patients and exhibited unusual groups of pistols, duck decoys, fishing gear, and demonstrated shell loading and gun-stock building.

Patient **Robert Ash**, GM1, showed considerable skill when he stepped up and demonstrated the flexibility and handiness of the new-type glass rods which are coming in for so much discussion.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

19 March

COBERLY, Gayle Frances, to wife of Floyd Coberly, AO1, 8 pounds, ½ ounce.

SPEHAR, Rita Vanessa, to wife of Ed Spehar, CSF (ref), 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

RHINEHART, Shelley April, to wife of Thomas Rhinehart, Cpl., 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

HARLAN, Baby Boy, to wife of Homer Harlan, EMC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

NAGURSKI, William Glenn, to wife of Stephen Nagurski, Ch. RELE, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

DE WITT, Lance Brian, to wife of Louis De Witt, AE1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

20 March

BYRNE, Gary Michael, to wife of Ed Byrne, RM3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

MELE, Robert, to wife of David Mele, BTC, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

21 March

WALISZEWSKI, Baby Girl, to wife of Henry Waliszewski, Cmdr., 4 pounds, 11 ounces.

MARTIN, Michael Dudley, to wife of Graham Martin, PFC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

McKINNEY, Lawrence Edward, to wife of Ceonia McKinney, DC3, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

PAULSEN, Donna Lynn, to wife of William Paulsen, Lt., 6 pounds, 7½ ounces.

22 March

CARR, Linda Mae, to wife of James Carr, S/Sgt., 6 pounds.

COLLINS, Baby Girl, to wife of M. Collins, TN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

MADDEN, Baby Girl, to wife of James Madden, M/Sgt., 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

JACKSON, Baby Girl, to wife of Wayne Jackson, MM2, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

SMITH, Baby Boy, to wife of George Smith, GMC, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

HOPLEY, Baby Girl, to wife of Ed Hopley, Lcdr., 3 pounds, 8½ ounces.

23 March

JACOBS, Sharon Ann, to wife of Ed Jacobs, AKAN, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

PAQUETTE, Jeffrey Lee, to wife of Raymond Paquette, CCS, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

24 March

PARKER, Baby Boy, to wife of John Parker, Cdr., 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

PIPETT, Baby Girl, to wife of Elmer Pipett, Sgt., 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

GOMEZ, Baby Boy, to wife of Albert Gomez, AO1, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

McCARTHY, Baby Boy, to wife of Eugene McCarthy, M/Sgt., 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

SHEA, William David, to wife of M. Shea, BM1, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

SCHUSTER, C. Lee Ann, to wife of Eugene Schuster, MEC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

PRESHO, Ralph John, to wife of Ralph Prescho, AN, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

BATES, William Henry, to wife of Charles Bates, SKC, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

SUDDUTH, Laura Ann, to wife of James Sudduth, HM1, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.

JOHNSON, Bette Jo, to wife of Robert Johnson, FN, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

DODGE, Richard Louis, to wife of Richard H. Dodge, RM1, 6 pounds, 7½ ounces.

25 March

DUNAVIN, James Bruce, to wife of James Dunavin, AA, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

Skin, Bone Banks Started by Navy Medics

Washington (AFPS)—The Navy has discovered a method of storing live skin for large-scale grafting in the event of atomic attack, Rear Admiral Clifford A. Swanson, Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, recently announced.

Admiral Swanson, testifying before the House Appropriations Committee, warned that "in event of an atomic attack we are going to have a terrific amount of skin burns." To meet the expected emergency demand for grafts, he said, the Navy has developed a skin bank.

A bone bank is another recent development, the Admiral continued. He said that bones can be kept alive indefinitely.

"Another thing we have developed is a blood vessel bank, for preservation of blood vessel segments," he said. "The developments are important in time of war because if we can develop the technique that we hope we can, it will certainly reduce amputations."

Who's Who....

Since his arrival at Oak Knoll in July of 1948, Joe B. Elliott, HN, has worked in only two wards, 45 and 42, 45B the first month and since then on either 42A or B. Joe quit his home town of Se-wanee, Tennessee, to enlist in Chattanooga on 6 February 1948 and after sustaining the rigors of Boot Camp and Corps

School in San Diego, came straight to Oak Knoll.

Before enlisting, Joe enjoyed hunting and camping and leisurely studying the great outdoors, but since signing on he's become entranced with tennis, cards and swimming.

In addition to photography and "diagnosing functional disorders of the Ford," Donald L. Henderson, HN, of 60A spends a lot of time waiting for letters from "THE woman." Not that she doesn't write regularly; it's just that Don is impatient.

Don enlisted in his birthplace of Kansas City, Missouri on 15 July 1948 and arrived at Oak Knoll on 28 January 1949. Although he was a baker before the Navy, Don was assigned to the Hospital Corps.

A great sports enthusiast, he likes the three major sports, football, baseball and basketball, in that order.

Born in his current home town of Price, Utah, Harry C. Smith, HA, of 42A, had great opportunity to learn his hobby of skiing, and, although

he's never won any championships, he says modestly enough, that he "Can hold his own in most competition."

Smith went to night school before enlisting on 6 June 1949, but since arriving on Oak Knoll's compound on 13 January 1950, he's spent most of his off-duty hours on liberty, seeing the sights around the Bay Area and trying to become acquainted with some of the better ones.

One of the mainstays of all of Oak Knoll's teams, no matter what sport, is Claude A. Johnson, HN, of ward 43A&B. Since arriving here on 23 July 1943, Johnson has played on the basketball team two seasons, and the football, baseball and softball teams one season.

His athletic ability is not surprising, however, since before enlisting in his home town of Dallas, Texas on 22 February 1943, he had earned all-state honors in football and track during the years '45, '46 and '47.

Associated Sportsmen Bring Exhibit to Oak Knoll



Patients and staff members view a portion of the Sportsmen's Show, which was held at the Red Cross Lounge, Building 102, last Monday night. Mr. C. E. Wilson (left), chairman of the Hospital Committee, District Council No. 3 of the Associated Sportsmen, accompanies Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer, as he examines a collection of fine pistols displayed by Mr. Fred Forwick (center) of the Richmond Rod and Gun Club. Representatives of the Rollingwood and Concord Rod and Gun Clubs and San Leandro Sportsmen's Club were also present to give demonstrations of decoy making, flycasting, and gunsmithing.

In the Hen House

by One Little Chick

"Hey, kid. Your jumper's torn in back. Hah, hah. April Fool!!" Words to that effect will undoubtedly be the password for today, and although I haven't fallen for any yet (as I write, it is Wednesday) I probably will before this is read for the seven thousand and twenty-second time.

Met a corpsman the other day who is God's answer to a maiden's prayer. (If you don't believe me, you can ask him). After talking for a long time about his activities, he sighed and said, "But enough about me. Let's talk about you for a while. Tell me, what did you think when you first saw me?"

Congrats to Ruthy Ford for receiving a commendation. She certainly deserved it. Uncongrats to Ginnie Rhodes for not getting her man. The guy was defenseless and she let him get away. So-so notice to Julie Clouse. She didn't do anything.

Wonder what all the fuss is, or was, about "The Outlaw." Why didn't they classify it as an educational film and let it go. From what I hear, it taught anatomy wonderfully well.

Was entering a downtown store the other day when I heard a clerk say to the manager, "There's a man outside with a wooden leg named Smith." Answered the manager, "What's the name of his other leg?"

They tell me that in Mexico you can get three pounds of sugar, a pound of coffee, ten pounds of potatoes and a quart of whiskey for three dollars. That may be so, but I'll bet it's rotten whiskey.

Overheard two Berkeley girls talking at the Red Cross dance recently. Says the first, "I loaned a football player a dollar last fall." Her companion: "Did you get it back?" "No, but I got a halfback."

Old Glory Flies Once Again Over Ill-fated USS Arizona

Pearl Harbor (AFPS)—More than eight years ago—December 7, 1941—the battleship USS Arizona was blasted into history here by seven bombs and one torpedo. The once-powerful battlewagon went down where she was moored, her flag still flying.

Today, the Arizona is virtually the only remaining evidence in old Bat-

Welcome and Farewell

Forty-seven persons were received aboard and six transferred during the week ending 29 March. Those going were LCDR Earl C. Spencer, to civilian life; LTJG John W. Howard to USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia; James B. Saylor, DT3, to USS Cavalier; Charles A. Schultz, HMC, to HCS, Portsmouth, Virginia; Fred S. McCoy, HN, to MSTs, San Francisco; and "O" "J" Howell, Jr., HN, to Moffett Field.

Received aboard were LT Mildred L. Herring and LTJG Donald W. Grimes, from USNH, Long Beach; Charlie M. Case, HMC, from Yokosuka, Japan; Francis R. Hoffman, DA, from USNTPC, San Diego; Nicholas D. Hart, HM3, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; Robert W. Hasbrook, HMC, from San Francisco.

From Mare Island came Stanton J. Margrove, HN; Bennett Y. Fonworth, HA; Ben Lloyd Billingsley, Jr., HN; William Boone, Jr., HM3; Malcolm O. Bullard, HN; Robert T. Dick, HA; Melvin K. Dorn, Jr., HM3; Julius J. Hafelfinger, HN; Luther G. Horton, Jr., HA; Charles W. Hughes, HA; "O" "E" Kilcrease, HN; John E. Kilmer, HA; Frederick W. Lake, Jr., HN; Mark D. Lewis, HM3; Richard D. Light, HA; Doris N. Mahone, HN;

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tleship Row of the Japanese sneak attack. Within her rusted hull are the bodies of 1,092 men who were caught in the onslaught. They have been sealed in their tomb, the ship that had no chance to fight.

The Navy has been trying for some time to find a suitable way in which to pay lasting tribute to the men of the Arizona. Recently, at a ceremony attended by high ranking officers and other officials, that tribute was paid.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, suggested that a flag be raised every day over the battered super structure of the Arizona. The idea accepted, a 50-foot pole was erected from which a 30-foot by 20-foot flag was unfurled.

At the flag-raising ceremony, Admiral Radford said: "We are here this morning to do honor to the USS Arizona and her splendid crew, so many of whom are still with their ship. From today on the Arizona will again fly our country's flag just as proudly as she did on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. I am sure the Arizona's crew will know and appreciate what we are doing."

Each day the flag will fly from 8 in the morning until sunset. A special detachment of color bearers will make the five-minute boat ride to perform the daily ceremony.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 2 April

ONE WAY STREET—James Mason, Marta Toren, Dan Duryea. A new release with no available information.

Monday, 3 April

GIRL FROM JONES' BEACH—Ronald Reagan, Virginia Mayo, Eddie Bracken. The story concerns Bracken's attempts as a fumbling talent agent to sign Reagan, artist creator of the Randolph Girl, and his model for a television show, not knowing that twelve girls posed and each thinks she is the complete model. A schoolteacher is discovered, however, who fits all the requirements, but instead of being happy, she wants to be recognized for her intellect.

Tuesday, 4 April

D. O. A.—Edmund O'Brien, Pamela Britton. O'Brien notarized a bill of sale on a shipment of iridium which got into criminal hands, and he is the only one who can prove that a legitimate sale was made but was turned to illegal use.

Wednesday, 5 April

DYNAMITE PASS—Tim Holt. A new release with no available information.

Thursday, 6 April

THE FLYING SAUCER—Mikel Conrad, Pat Garrison. The story tells of Conrad, a fun-loving playboy, who is drafted by the federal authorities to go to Alaska to investigate a report that flying saucers are being built there. To conceal his real identity, he goes as a convalescent, taking his nurse, Pat Garrison, with him. Pat is, in reality, a secret agent of the government.

Friday, 7 April

THE THIRD MAN—Joseph Cotton, Valli, Orson Welles. The story of the film, most of which was shot in Vienna and relates the insecurity of the individual under the four-power occupation, tells of Cotton, an American, who is invited to visit Vienna by his friend, Welles. When he arrives, he finds that Welles is dead of an accident. Gradually he discovers discrepancies in the account of Welles' last minutes. While everyone concerned says two men carried the dying man to the sidewalk after he had been knocked down by a truck, the porter confides that there were three men. As Cotton digs deeper into the mystery, he finds that Welles was a scoundrel who sold watered penicillin to hospitals needing the scarce drug. Valli, Welles' girl friend, who still loves him in spite of his crimes, pops up now and then to help unravel the mystery. This is the show in which the popular "Third Man Theme" on the zither is used as background music.

Saturday, 8 April

STREET WITH NO NAME—Mark Stevens, Richard Widmark, Lloyd Nolan. A replay with no available information.

Sweet Young Thing: "Mama, come here and make Harold stop teasing me."

Mama: "What's he doing dear?"

S.Y.T.: "He's sitting at the other end of the sofa."

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

With Tom Cat

If I'd known you were coming I'd 'a baked a cake, baked a cake, baked a cake . . . Sometimes I think that ditty is going to get the best of me yet. Oh, well, eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you may not have the money. (I never have anyway. How'd that get in here, that's not news.)

If you happen to hear some two-bit words being abused and kicked around, you can look for the face of Mahone. Yeh, he's back from Mare Island, and his tongue is as nimble as ever. Especially over a pool table.

Torres, newcomer from Mare Island, was heard to voice this bit of philos: "Early to rise and early to bed makes a man healthy, wealthy and dead." He should live for many moons then.

J. R. Stokes has decided that the only thing to do is go to college and then, and only then, take the third class exam.

Nordstrom, a native Washingtonian, argues that the city of Oakland was laid out by a drunk Indian riding a blind mule in a sand storm. And I thought I was the only one who got lost around here.

I forgot who said this, but I did remember to jot it down. It goes something like this: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then quit. There's no use being a fool about it."

Formula for happiness: Just think how happy you'd be if you lost everything you own . . . and then had it returned.

Skip This!

I say, didn't you notice the heading? Didn't you see that you were to skip this? Then why on earth do you go on?

I assure you you'll get nothing out of this. So go to the next page!

If you haven't stopped, you're only wasting your time. This is the moment to show that you've got enough character to stop.

Didn't you understand? Stop!

Now we are halfway through, and you're still going on. You can't help reading the next line.

Or can you?

No, indeed. I was right.

What on earth are you getting out of it? Nothing. But you're acting as if you're bewitched.

There are only a few lines left, so show that you do have some will power and stop!

But you're probably still curious enough to keep right on wasting time by reading these very last words. Aren't you?

—Svendborg Statgymnasium Spirit

Welcome and Farewell

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Gail L. Mees, HN; William C. Miller, HA; Raymond H. O'Neal, HA; Kenneth H. Powell, HN; Kenneth B. Roberts, HN; Roger Rodriguez, HN; Sanford L. Ross, HN; Carlin M. Simmons, HN; and Warren A. Wells, HM3.

From Corps School came the following HA's: John H. Boster, David Du Rall, John F. Huff, Ralph E. Leitner, Herman H. Mangum, Warren "G" McHargue, Norman D. McNair, Robert L. Mecham, William I. Nelson, Jr., Joseph R. Preddy, Ronald E. Randall, and Lester J. Saaiman.

Pirates Shutout NAS Hellcats

Pressnall, Tamborski Hurl 4-Hitter

Behind the four-hit pitching of Earl Pressnall and Steve Tamborski, the Oak Knoll Pirates gained the victory trail Wednesday afternoon when they shut out the NAS Hellcats of Alameda, 5 to 0.

Played on the local's home diamond, the game was a pitcher's duel from the beginning, with Pressnall, starting hurler for the Bucs, going four and two-thirds innings before allowing a single safety to the Hellcat swingers. During that time only three men got on, two by walks and one when he was hit with a pitched ball. No one got to second.

When his arm began to tire after the fifth inning, Pressnall was relieved by Steve Tamborski. Until that time his deliberate style and tricky control had kept the visiting swingers handcuffed. Not a speedy chucker, Pressnall depended on control and a wide variety of serves to pull him through.

Tamborski, when he came in, added to the Hellcats' discomfort by completely reversing the procedure. A fast pitcher who relies on speed and power to pull him through, Steve had the visitors swinging at the air behind his offerings.

Scoring began in the bottom half of the third inning. With one man down, Pressnall walked, but was forced at second by Bob Worsham's ground ball to the shortstop. After stealing second, Bob was sent home on C. A. Johnson's double into deep left-center field. Johnson was left stranded on second.

J. C. Stevenson, catcher for the Bucs, scored the second run in the following inning when he got aboard on a walk, was wild-pitched to second, errored to third, and was finally sent home on McComas' infield out.

The Hellcats threatened seriously only once. With one man down in the sixth, Sharpe, shortstop for the losers, lined a double into left field. Tamborski got the next hitter to fly to Daniels in center field, but got into hot water by walking the next two men and filling the bases. With the potential winning runs on base, Tamborski clamped down and made the next man hit to Brack at third, who threw him out at first.

Big inning for the Bucs was the sixth. Stevenson led off and made first on the second baseman's error. Wild-pitched to second, he made third when Daniels hit to the pitcher,

who couldn't make up his mind where to throw it. Deciding on third, he made an overthrow which allowed Stevenson to score and Daniels to go to second. Brack bunted Daniels to third and McComas brought him in with an infield out.

Final run came in the eighth inning. Stevenson got aboard for the third straight time and was sent to third on Daniels' clean single into right field. Brack walked to fill the bases, and McComas was safe on error which sent Stevenson home.

Johnson was heavy hitter for the Bucs with a double and a single in four trips to the plate, but Stevenson led in the scoring department with three tallies. McComas grabbed the RBI lead by driving Stevenson across all three times.

Today the Bucs meet the Amphibious Tractors on the local diamond. Game time is at 1400 and all who can possibly do so are urged to attend.

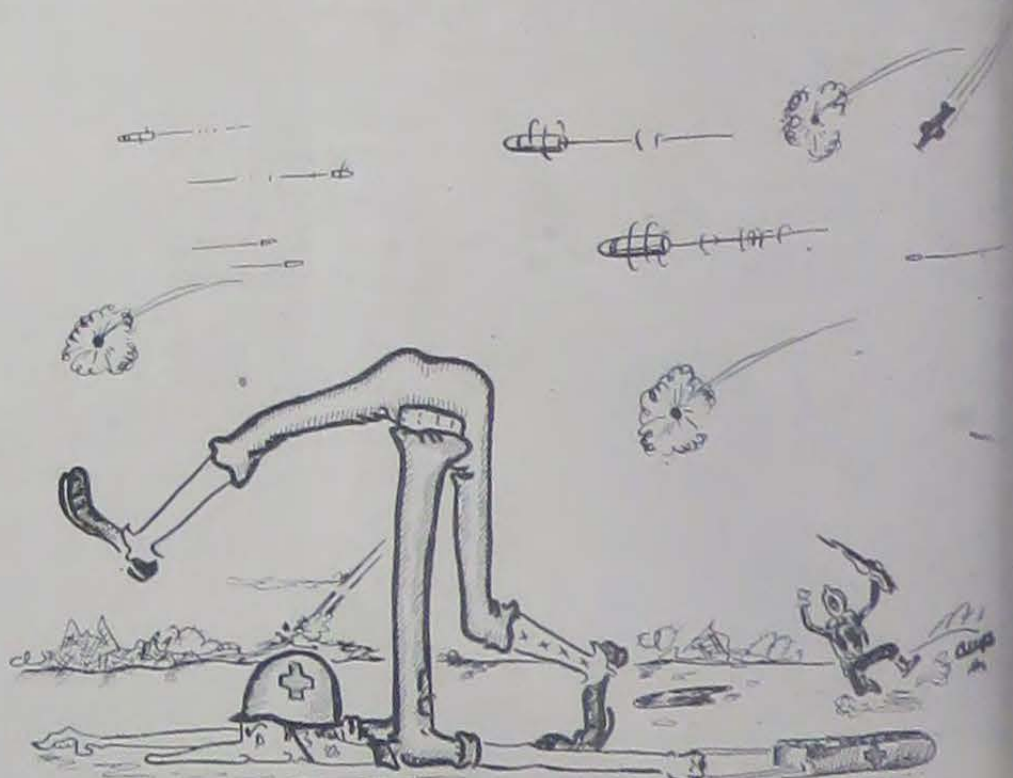
Tuesday, 4 April, the Pirates will seek revenge for the 18 to 0 drubbing handed them by the Moffett Field Skymasters recently. The game is to be played on the local diamond beginning at 1500. On Thursday, 6 April, the Pirates travel to Treasure Island to tangle with the Treasure Island Pirates in another afternoon game.

In softball, the Pirates will encounter the Caterpillar Tractor company of Oakland Monday night under the arcs at McConnell field beginning at 1845. The field is located at 80th and Olive streets.

Although no games have been scheduled as yet, the Nurses' Softball team is shaping up well, according to Miss Geraldine Baldey, manager of the team. A few of the positions are already assured, but there is still avid competition for the remaining spots.

"Daughter, you tell that sailor to take his arm from around your waist."

"Tell him yourself, pa. He's a total stranger to me."



Keep down, Mac!! You want your head blown off?



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Armed Services To Give Medal To Best Recruits

Washington (AFPS)—Recruits who display outstanding qualities of leadership during basic training will be awarded the American Spirit Honor Medal of the Citizens Committee for the Army and Navy, Inc., Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announces.

A board of not less than three officers will be appointed by commanding officers of Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force training installations to select the recipient for the award in each course of basic training on or after July 1, 1950.

Decisions will be based on the individual's American spirit, honor, initiative, loyalty and high example to comrades in arms. By awarding the medal during the initial period of service, the Committee believes a greater degree of morale and usefulness will be attained because, at such times, recruits normally are not entitled to earn awards.

The medal is a bronze medallion, 1 1/2 inches in diameter. It has an American eagle superimposed on a sunburst and bears the phrases, "American Spirit Honor Medal," and, "Serve with Heart, Head and Hand." The reverse side bears a torch held high and the words, "For High Example to Comrades in Arms." The medallion will not be worn on the uniform.

Luncheon, Movies For Officers' Wives' Club

Cocktails, a Chinese dinner, and an informal showing of movies of station personnel will be on the program for Officers' Wives, who meet at the Club on Wednesday, April 12 at 1 o'clock.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. H. H. Laramore, Mrs. John F. McCabe, Mrs. E. J. Madden, Mrs. Richard W. Ohl, and Mrs. Dennis A. Hardman.

Eleven Civilians Added To Hospital Staff

Eleven new employees joined the staff during the past month, according to word from the Civilian Personnel Office.

They are Jean G. Cross, nurse; Patricia A. Keller, telephone operator; Virginia E. O'Malley, Sally A. Adler, Viola S. Villa, Geneva Alexander, Mary L. Daniel, Lillie B. Marshall, and Azilee Nelson, ward attendants; Floyd Arnold, mess attendant; and Isaac H. Carlross, laborer.

Special Services Will Commemorate Easter

Special Easter worship services will be conducted here today and tomorrow for patients and staff members and their families.

Catholic masses will be said at 1150 today and at 0630 and 0900 tomorrow. Confessions will be heard beginning at 1830 today and continuing until all have been heard. Father Francis J. Klass will conduct these services.

Protestant services will be held tomorrow at 1100, with an Easter sermon by Chaplain Robert F. McComas

and special Easter music by a 10-voice station choir.

Musical selections will include "The Crucifixus" by Bach; "The One-Hundred Fiftieth Psalm" set to music by Franck; and "Comfort Ye My People," "Every Valley," "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," and "Hallelujah Amen" by Handel.

Holy Communion will follow the regular service at 12:15. The special anthem for that service will be "Bread of the World" by Palestrina.

Alameda County Doctors to Convene Here

More than 500 Navy and civilian doctors will get together here on Monday, 17 April, when members of the Alameda County Medical Association meet here as guests of the Commanding Officer and Medical Officers of the staff.

The Eastbay doctors will convene at the Officers' Club for a buffet dinner at 1830, and at 2015 Captain Cook will open the professional meeting. His remarks will be followed by a scientific program presented by Oak Knoll doctors. Captain A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, Chief of the Medical Service,

will discuss "Management of Bleeding Duodenal Ulcer"; Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of the Surgical Service will present an "Analysis of Tumor Board Experience at the Oakland Naval Hospital," and Captain K. H. Vinnedge, MC, USN, will discuss "Diagnosis of Abdominal Conditions by Flat X-Ray Film."

This will be the seventh annual get-together for staff members and doctors of the county, many of whom were attached to the staff when they were on active duty with the Medical Corps Reserve during the war.

Red Cross Gains Four, Loses Four Staff Workers

Four Red Cross workers have left or are soon to leave Oak Knoll, and four others have recently joined the staff, Miss Marie Adams, Field Director, reported this week.

Loretta Helfrich, medical social worker, has returned to her home in Menlo Park, California, and Jane Jones, recreation worker, to her home in Nebraska, each to remain at home with her family. Betty Heath, recreation worker, who has been ill at Peralta Hospital for the past two months, is now at home in her Castle-mont Gardens apartment but will be unable to return to work for some time.

Dorothy Zuegel will leave at the end of this month to be married to an army officer stationed at Fort Lewis.

Recently added to the staff were Anne Carter, and Inez McCabe, Psychiatric social workers, and Catherine White, recreation worker, all from Mare Island. This is the second tour of duty at Oak Knoll for Miss McCabe, who was transferred to Mare Island from this hospital in May 1949.

The fourth newcomer is Lillian O'Brien, recreation worker, who is just back from her second tour of duty overseas.

SatEvePost Camera Snaps Corpsmen in Nursery

Oak Knoll's brawny hospitalmen who feed, bathe, and burp the newborn sons and daughters of their shipmates, first made headlines a year ago. Since then they have been publicized in Bay Area newspapers and in Telenews theaters by an MGM News of the Day feature.

Now these husky nursery attendants, already famous for the expert care they provide for the hundreds of babies for whom life begins at Oak Knoll, are destined to gain nationwide prominence as a result of a visit Tuesday from a Saturday Evening Post photographer. Although the Post man could not say when the picture-story will be released, he was trying to "make a deadline" when he spent two hours snapping several dozen pictures here Tuesday.

Anticipate Visit from Captain Hancock

Captain Joy B. Hancock, USN (W), top-ranking Navy WAVE, will visit Oak Knoll WAVES on Thursday, 20 April, according to word received this week by LCDR Irene Williamson, director of WAVES in this district. Captain Hancock is Assistant for Women, Bureau of Personnel.

New Coach Tells Plans For Knoll Sports Program

New impetus was added to this hospital's already growing sports program with the arrival Monday of Joseph Reginato, full-time athletic director.

Employed by the Welfare and Recreation Department, Mr. Reginato, former coach for Moffett Field, will assume responsibility for all athletic activities at this station.

Under his guidance Oak Knoll looks forward to fielding its first tennis and golf teams, in competition with other activities in the 12th Naval District. At least three singles players and one doubles team are necessary before a station can enter league competition, and more are desirable, the new coach said. Five men are needed for a golf team. Unlike football, baseball, or basketball regulations which state that no more than three officers may play on a team, rules governing golf and tennis state that squads may be composed entirely of officers.

TENNIS, GOLF SIGNUPS

All interested in either sport are asked to submit written notice to Coach Reginato in the Welfare and Recreation office before Tuesday, 11 April. Data submitted should include name, rate, department, and amount of experience.

Golfers who shoot in the low eighties are being sought since that is the type of competition other activities are known to have. However, all who are interested are urged to practice until they can qualify.

DEPARTMENTAL SOFTBALL

An intra-departmental softball league will be formed by the first week in May, with pre-season games being arranged soon to help form the league and acquaint managers with their players. Toward this end a meeting of managers will be held in the Welfare and Recreation offices at 1215 Monday, 10 April, when information on schedules, rules and availability of equipment will be given managers to pass on to their teams. Men now playing for the hospital's baseball or softball team are ineligible to compete in this league, but anyone from a department who shows up well enough to be drafted to play for the hospital team may continue to play for his department.

A tennis tournament is being planned for the last week in April, and all who sign up for the hospital's league team will be able to compete in this tournament.

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Fifty Years Under the Sea

By Armed Forces Press Service

Fifty years ago this month—April 11, 1900—the U. S. Navy accepted its first "submersible torpedo boat" which was to be the forerunner of today's fleet of trim, versatile undersea fighting craft.

The 53-foot cigar-shaped metal monster that was USS Holland is a far cry from the guppy-snorkel comprising today's submarine fleet. But submariners will tell you that what Holland lacked in military value was more than compensated by her contribution to modern naval warfare.

The little pioneer submarine displaced only 74 tons and was powered by a four-cylinder gasoline engine. She could boast of only one tube through which she could fire her three torpedoes.

In spite of Holland's humble beginnings, the skepticism as to the value of this new type of war vessel was overcome. A submarine's war potential at the turn of the century was attracting attention in France and Japan. Thus did the Navy inaugurate its submarine service.

Appropriately named for her inventor, John Philip Holland, the Navy's first submarine had a crew of one officer and five men—all volunteers. (Today all members of the submarine service are volunteers.) One of that original crew, 82-year-old William H. Reader of Hamden, Conn., still survives.

Where Holland had a top speed of seven knots, today's subs can make surface speeds up to 20 knots. The modern 1500-ton submarine can carry as many as 24 torpedoes (the Holland had only three). She can carry almost 100 officers and men. Her cruising range may be up to 15,000 miles without refueling.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

EASTER SUNDAY OF HOLY YEAR 1950 A.D.

In the Holy Gospel according to St. John, we are told about a doubting person. The time was after Easter, the words, "unless I see in His hands the print of the nails and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." We who have faith are led to believe that if we accept the testimony of man the testimony of God is greater. Our leader, Christ, assures us in the words to Thomas, the man who wanted proof positive, "Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed. Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed."

Kind friends, our Lord gives you and me a special blessing for our faith. We are those who have not experienced His wonderful deeds and miracles. We are those whom He blesses because we have not seen, and yet have believed.

St. Paul, about twenty-four years after our Lord's ascension wrote the faithful in Corinth. 1 Corinthians, chapter 15, verse 12: "Now if Christ be preached, that he arose again from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead. But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen again. And if Christ be not risen again then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

FRANCIS J. KLASS, LCDR, CHC, U.S.V.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office...1800
Sunday School, Bldg 133...1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133...1100
Church Service, Chapel...1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.



ENS Katherine Jane Coates, NC, (Ret) (seated) was the honor guest at an "open house" on Ward 66A Monday, 3 April, the third anniversary of her arrival at Oak Knoll. CDR Tracy Cuttle, ward Medical Officer, served the first piece of cake to his patient, while Mrs. Margaret Haneberg, ARC Gray Lady, presided at the refreshment table, which was decorated by a colorful Easter egg tree. Among the many who dropped in during the afternoon were Mrs. H. H. Laramore, wife of LT Laramore, former Staff Personnel and Recreation Officer, who is now a patient on the ward.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

26 March

SCHNELL, Vicki Lynn, to wife of Allen Schnell, HMC, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.
ALLEN, Katherine Sue, to wife of Marvin Allen, HM2, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
CORBIERE, Lyn, to wife of Dominick Corbiere, CSC, 7 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces.
TAYLOR, Bruce Wayne II, to wife of Bruce Taylor, FP2, 4 pounds, 5 ounces.
GALLIER, Shawn Gwen, to wife of Raymond Gallier, SN, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
HOWARD, Shirley Ann, to wife of Eugene Howard, AKA, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

27 March

STOVER, Baby Girl, to wife of Earl Stover, AD1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
USSERY, Gene Allison, to wife of Gene T. Ussery, AN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
BROOKS, Larry Ellis, to wife of Richard Brooks, FN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
RUTLEDGE, Ann Marie, to wife of James Rutledge, AD1, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

28 March

MCCOY, Michael Timothy, to wife of Thomas McCoy, EM1, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
McCANN, Earl Henry Jr., to wife of Earl McCann, SD1, 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.
HALSTEAD, Michael William, to wife of William Halstead, SN, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
McDOWELL, Elizabeth Ann, to wife of Marvin McDowell, MMC, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
PROUSE, William Douglas, to wife of Earl Prouse, YN1, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
MARSH, Shelley Irene, to wife of Robert Marsh, SN, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
DEAN, Cathy Lynn, to wife of William Dean, AC3, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
FLETCHER, Anita Ellen, to wife of Harold Fletcher, HM1, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

29 March

FOSBURG, Cheri Marie, to wife of Clyde Fosburg, SN, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.
HAAS, Susan Ann, to wife of Edward Haas, ETC, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
McKINNEY, Baby Boy, to wife of Halbert McKinney, MM1, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
CHARETTE, Christopher Steven, to wife of Author Charette, LTJG, 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.
ELMORE, William LaVern, to wife of Floyd Elmore, EM3, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
WEINTRAUT, Eric Jeffrey and Marc Jerome, to wife of Donald Weintraut, ENS, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, and 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
GREEN, Alda Mary, to wife of William Green, SD1, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

30 March

HUNT, Baby Girl, to wife of Luther Hunt, AD1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
TAFT, Baby Girl, to wife of Joseph Taft, TMC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
THOMPSON, Prudy Ellen, to wife of Max Thompson, LTJG, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
WERSTLER, Pamela Jean, to wife of LeRoy Werstler, T/Sgt., 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

31 March

MANSFIELD, Michael Howard, to wife of Merlin Mansfield, AD3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
BAILEY, Baby Boy, to wife of Howard Bailey, AN, 7 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces.
THOMPSON, Karla Janene, to wife of Medley Thompson, BTC, 9 pounds, 14 ounces.

Red Cross Ramblings

ROW-ROW-ROW YOUR BOAT
With all the present attention on spring sports, the next Sportsnight in the Red Cross Lounge, Monday evening at 1900, promises to be unique.

For many years the University of California, Berkeley, has been a world beater with its eight-oared crew under the direction of the famous crew coach Ky Ebright. They have taken several world Olympic championships and are yearly among the top three contenders at Poughkeepsie in the National Collegiate Rowing Meet.

Monday night Mr. Ebright and members of the Cal crew will come to Oak Knoll and bring with them 16 mm. movies of some of their most exciting victories. They are looking forward to meeting patients and staff in the Red Cross Lounge. Everyone is invited!

GARDENS GALORE!! If you're wandering around the compound these beautiful spring days you'll notice unusual activity in the gardening line. Patients on several wards have discovered that making their own gardens is the most truly enjoyable way of getting a good coat of tan. Take Mr. John A. Davis, veteran patient of ward 71B, for instance. His garden is rapidly becoming one of the show places of the compound, and his fellow patients are taking an active interest in its daily progress. Any patient or ward wanting gardening help, tools, and bedding plants and shrubs, ask your Red Cross Worker.

LANGLEY, Robert Lee, to wife of Langley, SK3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

1 April

SCHWABE, Michael Dale, to wife of Schwabe, CDR, 9 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.
WARD, Frances Ann, to wife of Ward, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
FLEMMING, Helen Nora, to wife of Arthur Flemming, SA, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
SPAHR, Baby Boy, to wife of Spahr, BM2, 9 pounds.
SHIRLEY, Delilah Ray Jean, to wife of Raymond Shirley, CS1, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

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Who's Who...

Born in Olds, Alberta, Canada, Arthur J. Hanson, HA, came to this country on a visit in 1946 and liked it so well that he decided to stay here and join the Navy. He enlisted in Los Angeles in December of 1948 and came to Oak Knoll in August of the following year. Currently, he is on duty in Ward 41B, where he has stayed during his entire cruise at this base.

Hanson used to work as a salesman in a music store, but found his recreation outside, for the most part. Bowling and dancing are favorite indoor activities, but swimming and fishing are greater favorites.

A miner before joining the United States Naval Forces on 8 June 1949, Gerald A. Quint, HA, finds work on Ward 60B much more easily found than in a mine. He didn't comment as to whether or not that was good. Quint quit quarreling with the crew in the quarries to enlist in his home town of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, and subsequently came to Oak Knoll on 11 February 1950.

Don R. Fredrickson, HA, of 46B, doesn't do anything in his spare time except live. "That's the reason I was created," he says, "and I'm going to do it if it kills me!"

Don enlisted in San Francisco on 17 November 1947 and came to Oak Knoll six months later, in May of 1948. His hobby since coming here, and maybe it was before, too, has been "women," although he cannot give a satisfactory reason why.

Football, swimming and boxing are his private loves, he says, with football having enough attraction so that he plans to go to Santa Rosa J.C. after his discharge, to participate in that sport.

Richard D. Light, HA, on Ward 60B had to take a diversified route to get into the hospital corps. Enlisting in San Francisco on 4 October 1948, he was sent to Boot Camp and from there to sea duty as an SA. He was stationed at the Medical Supply Depot, Aleia Heights Hospital, Honolulu, and while there became interested in the workings of the Medical Department and requested transfer. After corps school, he was sent to Mare Island and arrived at Oak Knoll on 23 March 1950 with one of the groups of men from that base.

In the Hen House

by One Little Chick

"Some doings on the sun deck" would be an appropriate title for the activities indulged in at our house this week. Our "Little Chicks" heralded April in with a bevy of exciting costumes, to say the least.

No, those weren't spots you saw before your eyes, leopard or otherwise. Just sea shells on Ginnie Rhode's sun suit. Nice back, Ginnie.

Ever wonder how to acquire a sun tan in one long afternoon? Just ask Beverly Scheidt, who will show you how in six easy showers (clothes and all.)

It was "Ole home week" for HM3 Aken this past week end, when he returned to the scene of his many crimes. After conversing with him on the telephone early Sunday morning, I learned, to my dismay, that he still hasn't found that antidote for a hangover. Hic! Hic!

Ah, me! To be back to the life of a playgirl once more. Not only do the corpsmen find fascinating doings out at the Big Bear on Saturday nights; others do too. Know who I mean?

Don't tell me corpswives and corpsmen are finally gaining recognition? Hallelujah! Was very glad to see that two-page spread in the Tribune recently devoting its print to their activities. Very good picture of Lou Moore, too. Should have more of this, don't you think?

Those dimpled smiles on Anne Hoekstra's beaming countenance are very pleasing to see, as well as quite understandable these days. Reason, of course, Packwood has finally returned from that seemingly long leave of his. And I put seemingly in bold face print. That was a classy chassis you brought back with you too, kid. (I mean the one with the motor.)

Tom Cat, alias "The Loose one" must be in the throes of spring fever these days. He was spied recently on one of the dependent wards presenting one of the patients with a bouquet of buttercups in a test tube. Original idea, eh what?

Oops! was just caught with my eye to the keyhole. Phyllis Shea, I think. Saw her trying on her new pair of boots. Yes, Phil, Johnny will think they're cute.

Have to hurry back to my keyhole now and see what I can conjure up for next week. Look out!

Grateful for Care

March 30, 1950

Dear Dr. Cook:

I was recently hospitalized upon Dr. Rubin's and Dr. Gallegos' admission, at which time Dr. Rubin took care of me.

I am deeply grateful for their interest and ability.

It must be gratifying to a Commanding Officer to know that you have such fine physicians working with you.

In addition, it is satisfying to my husband, now at sea, to know that his family of four have had excellent care from each doctor with whom we've come in contact, regardless of trivial symptom.

Most sincerely,

JANICE WILKIN.

Gift for Goldberg



Rabbi Philip Lipis of Temple Beth Abraham, with LCDR R. F. McComas, Oak Knoll's senior chaplain, recently visited Dave Goldberg on Ward 42B, bringing him a gift box from local B'Nai B'rith Women in collaboration with the National Jewish Welfare Board. The Rabbi, a Naval Reserve Chaplain, comes to the hospital regularly to talk with patients of the Jewish faith.

Welcome and Farewell

Eight persons were received aboard and seven transferred during the week ending 5 April. Those going were ENS Eleanore C. Culler, to civilian life; L. A. Lazo, HM1, to USS Nickel; R. V. Kelly, HM2, to U. S. Naval Station, Treasure Island; P. A. Saidak, R. N. Glasgow, S. Cottom, HNs, and C. W. Elder, HM3, to USNH, Bethesda, Maryland.

Received aboard were CDR D. C. Turnipseed, from USNH, Long Beach; CWOHC O. G. Haines, from U. S. Naval Medical Unit, Tripler General Hospital, Oahu, TH; LT Sara E. Kelley, from USNH, Mare Island; E. A. Cannell, HMC, from Rec. Station, Treasure Island; D. J. Chortland, HM2, from NAS, Moffett Field; J. A. Poole, HN, from USNH, Mare Island; and W. G. Samuel, DA, and R. Tapia, DA, from Naval Training Center, San Diego.

Navy Scores Health Record Second Time

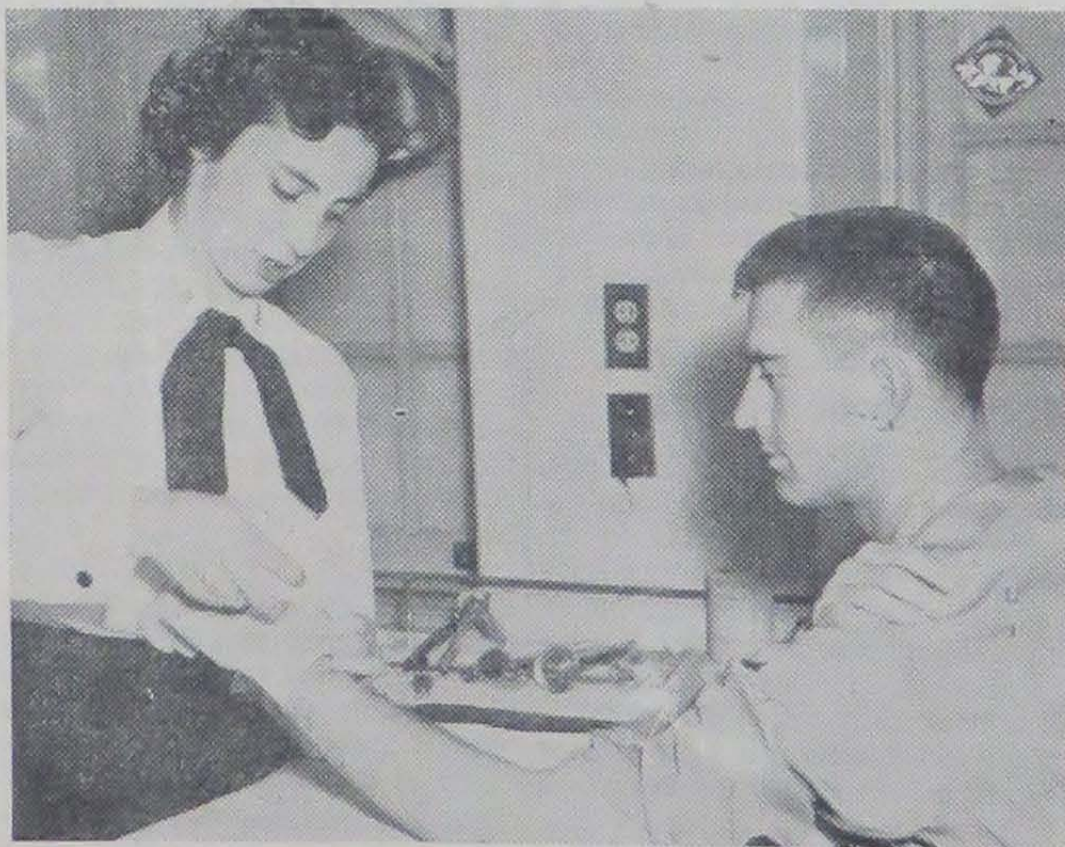
Washington (AFPS)—A second consecutive all-time high in health among Navy personnel has been recorded by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for the year 1949.

Incidence of diseases, injuries, deaths, and days lost from illness showed new lows, setting the record for such casualties in exhaustive tabulations kept by the Bureau since 1850.

The incidence rate per 1,000 men during 1949 was 376.0; during 1948, 442.8, and during the last five years, about 490 per 1,000. Prior to 1945, the rate rarely ever dropped below 500.

Between the years 1900 and 1948, the average Navy man lost between 8 and 15 days per year due to illness. In 1949, he lost only 6.7 days.

First Woman Ship's Doctor



Lt Cdr Bernice R. Walters, first woman doctor ever assigned to duty aboard a Navy ship, is shown treating a patient. One of five women medical

officers on active Navy duty, she has been ordered to report for service on the hospital ship U.S.S. Consolation this summer.

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Movies Stop But Shots Go On

Although no movies will be shown in the Navy Exchange auditorium from Monday through Friday of the coming week, persons passing the theater will be reminded of one-horse operas and shoot-'em-up-Tony mysteries by the loud and frequent reports which issue at periodic intervals from within the four walls.

One man, J. E. Nelson of the Public Works department, is responsible for the miniature battlefield, in spite of noise to the contrary. He is the man who shoots nails into cement. Yes, that's right, shoots nails into cement.

Aided and abetted by R. L. Abbott, Mr. Nelson explained the strange proceedings, displaying a contrivance approximately three inches in diameter, fourteen inches long, and with a handle at one end and a large saucer-shaped plate at the other. He then exhibited a five-inch nail and a .38 blank cartridge and proceeded to load the "hammer." Putting the weapon to the deck, he fired the gun. The nail when next seen, had penetrated an inch of maple flooring and two inches of "sleeper" wood under the maple, and had firmly embedded itself in the cement foundation.

The unique tool is commercially manufactured and has been used for several years on construction jobs and work such as that being done in the auditorium, where the deck had pulled loose from the foundation and had become very squeaky when stepped on.

More About Sports

(Continued from page 1)

Plans to open the swimming pool are being held up because of the absence of qualified lifeguards and Mr. Reginato is asking that all who have passed the Senior Life-Saving test or who feel they can qualify for it, contact him and arrange to try out for the post of lifeguard at the pool.

Boxers, too, will have their chance to perform, the new director stated. A smoker for boxers from the Bay Area is scheduled for 21 April in the main gymnasium at Treasure Island, and again all who are interested are asked to sign up in the Welfare and Recreation Offices.

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

With Tom Cat

This darn hill (puff) is going to kill me (puff) some of these days (puff, puff). But others have lived through it (that's what my C. O. said in boot camp anyway); so I guess I can make it. Ah, yes, once again Mother Nature has taken pity on us mortals and decided to give a little sunshine. I suppose, she was too free with it as far as Faulkner is concerned. He and Miller went fishing last week end, and Miller caught a fish and Faulkner caught a . . . sunburn.

I want to congratulate Snyder on his broadmindedness. Just the other day I heard him talking about his girl. He said, "It's the small things about her I like . . . she owns a small mansion, a small yacht, and a small car."

Well, I see our boy Cooper is back in circulation again. But with a sheepish look on his face and holding his right arm behind him. Why dat?

I got news for you little Chick, I am not the "loose one" you refer to. Try again.

"Lover Boy" Hasson had me worried for a while, but he is himself once again. For days he didn't tell me to square my hat or nothin' but now he does; so I guess he's not cracking up after all (or is he?).

That was some shower that took place last Saturday night wasn't it, Crovo, Ziegler, and Wood? What was it, a bubble bath? If you don't understand all this, just ask one of 'em about it.

Young has been complaining that he has been seeing Easter bunnies lately. Just because they are pink and it was payday night don't feel bad, I see them myself.

If you become bored these summer days, just watch the nurses practice softball. It's better than the movies.

DT1 Completes Mechanics Course

First man to complete a course in USAFI Auto Mechanics was D. P. Harrold; DT1, of the Dental Clinic, W. M. Hendry, HMC, instructor at the Educational Services Office revealed this week. The course qualifies Harrold as a full-fledged mechanic, completely capable of diagnosing and treating all ailing cars.

Three persons also passed the test for first year college level, Chief Hendry further announced, which, for in service purposes, means the same as having taken the freshman year of college. M. O. Edwards, HMC, R. E. Elster, HM1, and R. E. McPherson, HM2 were the persons who passed the test.

In the first quarter of 1950, January through March, 21 persons have enrolled in the classes of USAFI. The diversified classes are open to anyone at this base who may wish to better himself and prepare for a better position in either Navy or civilian life.

Under the USAFI method, a person studies in his spare time and takes the tests when he feels he is able to pass. Credits from USAFI may be applied to either high school or college requirements.

Baseball

BUCS DROP TWO

Skymasters Win on Errors; Hits

AmTrac Marines on Walks; Hits

When Joe Reginato teaches 'em, they stays taught! This was proven but not entirely to the Pirates' satisfaction, Tuesday afternoon when the new coach's former charges, the Moffett Field Skymasters, swamped the locals on their home grounds 16 to 3.

It was the second straight defeat for the Pirates since they suffered an 11 to 4 setback at the hands of the Amphibious Tractor Marines of Treasure Island Saturday afternoon on the hospita's diamond.

Softball

CatTracs Rally; Down Bucs in Fifth

In one big last half of the fifth inning, Oak Knoll's softball team was pushed out of the win column by the Caterpillar-Tractor Company of San Leandro Monday night at McConnell field. The Pirates led throughout the game by a two-run margin, but in the fifth inning, the Cat-Trac men began hitting, and before the tide could be turned, six big runs had poured across the plate.

It was just a practice game, and for that reason, Coach McComas refused to stand on a technicality to win. Although neither team knew it, the field was to be vacated by 2000. That time came shortly before the first-half of the fifth, and if the umpires had called the game then, the Pirates would have won, 2 to 0. Since no one was there to claim the field, the umpires let the game continue so that both teams could get that which they sought—practice.

Scoring began in the first half of the second inning, when Weitz drove a double into right-center field. Advanced to third on Zilch's infield out, he came home on Forrest's fly to center field. Second run came in the following inning. Stevenson led off with a long triple to the same area Weitz hit to and was brought across on Lindblad's third to first infield out.

Although he allowed the victors only two hits in the entire game, errors and walks contributed heavily to the fifth inning defeat charged to Lindblad. The first hit came in the second inning with no one on, but the second came in the big fifth with the bases loaded.

Frates, pitcher for the winners, led off the inning with a walk and went to second when McComas made a bad throw attempting a double play. Another walk was issued and then Lopez hit a single to tie the game. Two more errors, a walk, and two outfield flies, and the scoring and ball game were all over.

Another softball game will be played on the local diamond Monday afternoon when the Pirates meet players from the Alameda Dispensary at 1500. The 12ND softball league begins play on Tuesday, 18 April.

The Navy is accepting applications from medical school graduates and senior students for its annual civilian interne training program which begins July 1. Deadline for applications is May 15.

Walks with hits in strategic spots produced the winning combo in the Marine's tilt, as the sore-armed Buc hurlers found it difficult to hit the target and still keep the ball out of the solid hit range.

McClure began on the mound for the Bucs and gave up three runs on two walks, a hit, and an error before a pulled tendon forced him to retire himself in the third inning. Tamborski relieved, and after striking out the first three men to face him, gave up a walk and four successive hits to let in four more runs. Hurling shut-out ball for the fifth and sixth innings, Tamborski also developed a sore arm and was relieved by Schroedor in the seventh. Schroedor, unable to find the target, walked the first five men to face him and was relieved in the same inning by Johnson who hurled two hit, one-run ball for the three innings he worked.

Schroedor scored the first run for the Bucs in the first inning when he reached second on errors, stole third, and came in on Grijalva's fly to left. In the second inning, Worsham led off with a single, went to third on an overthrow, and came in on Young's single. Young stole his way around the base-paths and scored on Faulkner's grounder. Young also scored the final run in the seventh. Leading off with a double, he stole third and came in on Forrest's grounder.

Instead of walks with opportune hits, the Skymasters' game was decided on errors with a steady flow of bingles, as 11 Buc errors and 13 Moffett Field hits produced the score. Hill, second baseman, was high scorer for the game, scoring four times in four times at bat, but Long, center fielder, wielded the big stick, and garnered four hits in five turns at the plate.

Schroedor again scored the first run for the Bucs when he poled a double to the hill and came home on Mitchell's single to right. Worsham scored the other two; the first in the fifth inning when he got on via a fielder's choice, went to second on an overthrow, and came home on Johnson's towering double to the hillside in right, and the second in the seventh when he singled and stole the three remaining bases.

Because of the pitchers' sore arms, the game scheduled for Thursday at Treasure Island was cancelled, but the game with Treasure Island on this diamond will be played on Friday, 14 April.

League baseball play begins on Wednesday, 12 April and as soon as a schedule is available, it will be published in this paper.



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 15 April, 1950

Exhibits, Open House at Hospital Planned for Armed Forces Day

"Teamed For Defense" is the theme for the first annual Armed Forces Day, which is to be observed throughout the Nation on the week end of 20 May, when parades, exhibits, store window displays, and open houses will give the public an accounting of the work being done in various installations of the United States Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Oak Knoll will observe Armed Forces Day by holding Open House on Saturday, 20 May from 1100 to 1600.

During those hours guided tours will take visitors through various departments and selected wards. Continuous movies will be shown in the Community Service Building Auditorium, and refreshments will be served at the Chief Petty Officers' Mess. Visitors to the chapel will be entertained with a program of organ music. A souvenir booklet supplied by the Department of Defense and a special edition of "The Oak Leaf" will be distributed.

Plans for the day also include a baseball game to be played on the hospital field.

Two iron lungs have been offered for display in downtown store windows, and the hospital's emergency surgical disaster unit and a fully equipped ambulance will be on exhibit at the Naval Supply Center on Sunday, 21 May, in conjunction with an exhibit put on by the Medical Supply Depot.

LCDR Alexander Bowdle, MSC, USN, Finance Officer, has been appointed to handle arrangements for Armed Forces Day at the hospital.

Biggest celebration of Armed Forces Day in the East Bay area will be the Open House to be held at the Naval Supply Center and Oakland Army Base on Sunday, 21 May, when a program of displays and demonstrations will be culminated by a gigantic parade along the main thoroughfares of both installations. From 50,000 to 100,000 visitors are expected to attend that event.

Top-Ranking Wave Will Visit Here Thursday

Captain Joy Bright Hancock, USN (W), Assistant for Women, Women's Division, Bureau of Naval Personnel, will arrive in the Bay Area Monday for her first visit to Waves of the Twelfth Naval District. Wave officers of the Twelfth Naval District will entertain with a cocktail party in her honor on Tuesday, and a series of teas and luncheons are included in her page-long itinerary for the five days she will be in this area.

Mrs. Hancock will visit Oak Knoll at 2 o'clock Thursday, 20 April.



LCDR Rosalia Jorgenson, this week was officially promoted to the rank of Commander, being sworn in by Captain S. S. Cook, Commanding Officer. Miss Jorgenson has served as Senior Nurse Corps Officer here since last August, having reported here from the Naval Hospital at Jacksonville, Florida. During her 18 years in the Navy she has had tours of duty at Tutuila, Samoa; at Kodiak, Alaska; and at the hospitals at San Diego, Mare Island, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Brooklyn, New London, and Chelsea.

Champ Fly Caster Coming Monday

Patients and staff have an unusual treat in store Monday night at 7 o'clock when the Associated Sportsmen's Clubs present a special show in the Community Service Building Auditorium.

Joe Gomes, world champion fly and plug caster, who entertained crowds at the 1939 World's Fair on Treasure Island and who taught Herbert Hoover, James Farley, and other

notables how to cast, will present an hour-long demonstration that is certain to be of interest to all anglers and would-be anglers on the compound.

Another half-hour of good outdoor entertainment brought indoors will be a demonstration of trick shots by the Sequoia Field Archers under the direction of Harold McQuarrie.

Mr. C. E. Wilson of Hayward is coordinator for the club programs.

Station Contributes \$1006 To Red Cross

When Red Cross contributions were tallied this week, it was discovered that hospital personnel had once more opened their pocketbooks wide to go "over the top" as they have in recent Community Chest and March of Dimes campaigns. The goal set for Oak Knoll this year was \$1000. The amount turned in was \$1006.09.

Contributions received were from the following sources: Navy Exchange Employees, \$20.50; Nurses, \$81.25; Staff Enlisted Personnel, \$91.87; Red

Cross Staff, \$123.00; Staff Officers, \$140.90; Patients, \$267.57; and Civilian Employees, \$281.00.

In submitting this report to the Commanding Officer, LCDR Robert F. McComas, CHC, who has been in charge of the drive, expressed his appreciation "to the committee and all who supported this drive by their gifts, making this 1950 total for the Red Cross top all efforts of the post-war years."

Recreation Announces Activities For Summer Months; Dance Friday

A dance, televised baseball, and four summer picnics are included in plans announced this week by the welfare and recreation department. The dance, last one planned after the picnic season is over, will be held on Friday, 21 April, from 2000 to 2300, with Larry Capelli's orchestra and the Russ Bennett Trio supplying the music.

Larry Capelli was last heard here at an All-Hands dance on 25 January.

Before organizing his own band, the popular saxophone player was a featured soloist for Henry Busse and Joe Reichman. The Russ Bennett Trio formerly played in the Crystal Room of the Lake Merritt Hotel.

LT Rufus L. Thompson, Welfare and Recreation Officer, has also revealed the schedule for televised home Seal baseball games, which will be shown in Building 31. The games will be televised on Tuesdays and Saturdays, beginning at 2010 on Tuesdays and 1325 on Saturdays.

First showing will be today and will continue as follows: May 2, 6, 9, 13, 23, and 27; June 13, 17, and 27; July 1, 4, 8, 25, and 29; August 1, 5, 15, 19; September 5, 9, 12, and 16; October 3, and 7.

Picnics for the staff men will be given during each of the summer months, May through August, on a Port and Starboard basis. Redwood Canyon has been selected as the site for three of them, and the fourth is scheduled at Tilden Regional Park.

Plans are being formulated that will include softball, contests with prizes, and possibly moonlight dancing.

It is requested that all who plan to attend the picnics sign up, with the number of their guests, well in advance of the actual dates so the Welfare and Recreation department will have plenty of time to make plans for necessary food and equipment.

The first picnic will be held at Redwood Park on Sunday, 14 May, for the starboard watch, with others following for the next four months, the watches alternating.

ACMA Meeting Monday To Draw Large Crowd

Members of the Alameda County Medical Association, more than 500 of them, will meet here Monday night as guests of the Commanding Officer and staff.

The civilian and Navy doctors will meet for cocktails at the club, and at 6:30 a buffet supper will be served in the Commissioned Officers' Mess. A scientific program scheduled for 8:15 will include discussions by Captain A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, Chief of the Medical Service; Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of the Surgical Service, and Captain K. H. Vinnedge, MC, USN, Head of the X-Ray department.

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Another Satisfied Father

20 March 1950

Commanding Officer
U. S. Naval Hospital
Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

At 2318 on 17 March 1950 my son, John Edward, was born at your hospital. My wife, Mrs. Elizabeth V. Cook, and I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to your staff for the excellent care and treatment rendered both pre- and post-natally.

We especially wish you to convey our thanks and appreciation to Dr. Frank, Dr. Bauer, the nurses and corpsmen on duty on the night of Mrs. Cook's delivery, and to Captain Gallegos for his pre-natal care.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD H. COOK.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Time and effort are usually needed to accomplish the worthwhile things in this life. Only rarely does a man get anything of real value, material or otherwise, by merely waiting for the break. For every man who becomes great by "waiting for the break" there are 1000 who are broken by the wait. Success in a career, merit as a parent, and even the possession of a fortifying religious faith for most are the results of hard work, not sheer luck.

The story is told of Augustus Saint-Gaudens that before he began to sculptor the statue of Phillips Brooks, the great preacher, which now stands in front of Trinity Church in Boston, he determined to discover the genius of the man and the secret of his character and his life. He was led to a study of the New Testament. And as he came to know Jesus through that study he finally said, "That man Jesus can have me. He can have all of me if he wants me." For years he had been waiting, as far as his religion went, and nothing happened. When he went to work he found a faith for a lifetime.

The "Easter Effort," manifested in increased attendance at all churches, is an indication that men and women are aware of their religious needs. Otherwise they wouldn't have bothered to put in an appearance. If the effort could be continued, they would find the need they feel met by the rewarding satisfaction of an uplifting and satisfying faith.

R. F. McCOMAS,

Chaplain, U. S. Navy.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800

Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000

Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100

Church Service, Chapel.....1100

Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory

0900 in Large Chapel

Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every
Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

Something new has been added to our ward entertainments! The Navy Wives Club, under the leadership of Mrs. B. C. McQuire, made their first visit to Oak Knoll Hospital April 7. Serving here as they had previously done at the Navy Hospital in Hawaii, the club visited pediatrics, dependent and orthopedic wards with generous gifts and really good entertainment. Other wards will be covered in their May visit. A hearty welcome to this talented, generous group.

NAMES IN THE NEWS:

Earl Shibly, SN, makes the news as replacement on the bass in "The Rhythm Four," playing for the dances at the Red Cross Lounge. The "Spring Hop" last Thursday evening also featured some excellent singing.

Rickey Jensen, SN, Ward 42, because he is a terrific roller skater. He's a champion and we wish we could see him perform!

Montgomery Oliver, ENC, patient on 49A, because of his unusual craft projects. Chief Oliver has recently completed a bright red teeter-totter and a hobby horse for his two youngsters. The pivot or balance part of the teeter-totter was made from a surplus range finder.

Scoop! Sign up early for this one! Through the Oak Knoll Garden Club, sponsor of the patients' gardening project, the Board of Directors of the spectacular California Spring Garden Show, which is generally recognized as the finest spring garden show in the world, has invited twenty Oak Knoll patients to be their guests. Ten patients, transported by Oakland Chapter Red Cross Motor Service, will attend on the afternoons of Tuesday, April 25th, and Thursday, April 27th. Patients who are actively interested in gardening will naturally be given preference, but anyone interested, inquire about it from your Red Cross recreation worker if you would like to go.

The garden show incorporates everything from giant redwood trees and full-sized streams and waterfalls to spectacular orchid exhibits. Every type of spring flower and shrub will be featured amid natural settings.

Sunday morning breakfasts, previously sponsored by Pland's Restaurant over KLX radio station, will be continued at the El Nido Club in Lafayette. Wonderful breakfasts and good entertainment make the trip most enjoyable. Might add that the El Nido is a perfectly delightful place these hot spring and summer days. See your Red Cross worker about these Sunday morning trips—oh, yes, there's a phone call home, too, for one lucky patient each Sunday.

Welcome and Farewell

With only two persons departing and only one being received aboard, the census at Oak Knoll remained almost constant with that of a week ago. The two departing were Julia Clouse, HN, who went to Hospital Corps School, San Diego, and Warren W. Thompson, HMC, who went to Hospital Corps School, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Billy D. Roberts, HM2, was received aboard from the Naval Station, Treasure Island.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

2 April

ENGELMAN, Catherine Anne, to wife of John Engelman, AMC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
STANTON, Jacqueline Lee, to wife of Lee Stanton, EN2, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.
DUNN, Anna Marie, to wife of Robert Dunn, ADAN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.
WEDLAKE, David Richard, to wife of Philip Wedlake, MMC, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
WEBBER, Michael Claude, to wife of Harry E. Webber, FN, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
GRIGGS, Robert Lee, to wife of Robert Griggs, S/Sgt., 7 pounds, 13½ ounces.

3 April

JACOBSEN, Susanne Marie, to wife of Raloh Jacobsen, Lt., 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
ITTNER, William Foster, to wife of John Ittner, ADC, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
FUGATE, Doris Kathleen, to wife of James Fugate, AN, 8 pounds.

4 April

MARSH, Jenniele Donna, to wife of La Moine Marsh, CSC, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
BALESTRIERI, Linda Marie, to wife of Mario Balestrieri, FN, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
COLLINS, Edward Thomas, to wife of Edward Collins, AD1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

5 April

HARDY, William Stanley II, to wife of William Hardy, AO2, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
LUCKEY, Lynn Renee, to wife of Orval Luckey, MA1, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
HOAGLAND, Donald Steven, to wife of Alvin Hoagland, AL1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
HAM, William Lee, to wife of Roderick Ham, Ltjg, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

6 April

WADDELL, George Michael, to wife of George Waddell, Sgt., 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
SEVERSON, Karl Ordin, to wife of Marshall Severson, HMC, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
DRAYTON, Deborah Carr, to wife of Edward Drayton, TN3, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
KELLY, Kathleen Kay, to wife of Roger Kelly, Ens., 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
HOCKETT, Judith Marie, to wife of Clarence Hockett, AD1, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

7 April

PEFFERKORN, Donald Jr., to wife of Donald Pefferkorn, YN3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
CRAWFORD, William Jack, to wife of Jack Crawford, Sgt., 6 pounds, 15½ ounces.
LOUCKS, Clyde Raymond, to wife of Earl Loucks, SN, 8 pounds, 11½ ounces.

8 April

TAMAYO, Ronald Lagrimas, to wife of Felipe Tamayo, SD3, 6 pounds, 12½ ounces.
JOHNSON, Katherine Jean, to wife of George Johnson, GM2, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
LEATHERS, Richard Wayne, to wife of Robert Leathers, SN, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.
SIMPSON, Sharon Marie, to wife of Keith Simpson, SKC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
ANDERSON, Tommy John, to wife of Tommy Anderson, EM1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Credit Navy Chief With New Oxygen Aid

San Diego, Calif. (AFPS)—A new type, compact adapter to oxygen modifiers used in naval hospitals has been invented by a Navy chief hospital corpsman, it was announced at the U. S. Navy Hospital here recently. The brain child of P. M. McCleery, HMC, USN, of the hospital's staff, the adapter will soon be placed in use here. It consists of one compact unit easily attached directly to the oxygen cylinder. This eliminates any possibility of damage as is the case of currently used equipment.

Chief: "Stop yawning."

Yeoman: "I'm tired."

"Then place your hand over your mouth."

"What! And maybe bite myself. I might get hydrophobia!"

"How could you get hydrophobia? I've been leading a dog's life ever since I came here."

Who's Who...

Although he's very poor at it, Roy A. Hilman, HA, of Ward 42A, still favors bowling as a means of recreation and, when not at the auto races, can usually be seen entering, leaving, or in a bowling alley.

Roy was born in Olympia, Washington, his present home town, and enlisted in Seattle on 10 July 1948. He arrived at Oak Knoll from Corps School on 20 January 1949.

Coming from the spot he does, it is natural that Roy should enjoy fishing and hunting above all other outdoor activities, and while he can't do any of it at the moment, he plans to make up for lost time when his discharge rolls around.



Mark D. Lewis, HM3, of the Record Office has a most unique hobby, especially for one as young as he, of collecting pipes. Mark has a natural

interest in pipes and, although he doesn't have so many now, he is slowly building his collection up and becoming familiar with the workings of the briar.

Mark enlisted in his hometown of Los Angeles and after Corps School reported to Mare Island. He reported aboard Oak Knoll's compound on 23 March 1950 in the shift of personnel from Vallejo.

A Californian from 'way back is S. Tomasello, HA, of the Main Nursery on 73B. Having been born and schooled in San Jose, enlisting in San Francisco, and now serving in Oakland, it is quite evident that it is such as he that the Chamber of Commerce loves to have around.



In 1947, Tommy acted as President of the American Red Cross Chapter at his school, and for his work there and for subsequent scholastic and public services, he was awarded the American Legion Award of the year.

A Texan under 6 feet has been found. He is Ben L. Billingsley, HN, of the Record Office, who stands only 5 feet 8 and weighs only 150 pounds.

What this news will do to that state's records!

Billingsley was born in Paris, Texas, and enlisted in Dallas on 26 September 1948. After Corps School, he was sent to Mare

Island, from whence he journeyed to Oak Knoll on 23 March 1950 as did several others.

Before enlisting he attended Junior College where he played tennis and football, being good enough in the former to warrant participation in the state meet held in 1945.

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

With Tom Cat

I'm slightly leery of commenting on the weather anymore, because every time I do say it's nice and sunny, it is sure to rain before the news hits print. But today is one of those let's-go-barefooted and burn-the-schoolhouse days. There, I said it and I'm glad (now watch it rain.)

Yeb, (and that's with a southern accent) we have a tee-totalling fiddle player in our midst. Anytime you want to hear some genyouwine foot-patting moosic just drop two-bits in Warrick's tin cup.

And Sellers, what tubes are you going to take from whose radio? What's the matter, don't you appreciate good music? Come to think of it, go ahead and take 'em.

I don't know who it was or what size shoe he wore, but he sure put his foot in the middle of Lehman's face. A woman involved, no doubt.

I'm still wondering what that package was that Thompson and Michaels were carrying last Sunday night into H.C.Q. Did they wrinkle your suit, Philpot?

The question being voiced this past week is, "Do you think you passed the test?" This pertains, of course, to the third class exam held recently. If you didn't make it, perhaps you should take a few lessons from Ziegler or Holbrook as to how to prepare for that sort of thing.

"You can take my chow, my pay, anything else you want, but please, please, don't take my radio when I'm listening to 'I Love a Mystery,'" says J. A. Miller.

Barrett says the only exercise he gets is when he steps out of the shower and steps on the soap. Poor kid. Must have lit on his head one too many times.

At last we have a corpsman to be proud of. Schoedl is so sure of himself that he does crossword puzzles with a pen. (That'll be twenty-five cents, kid.)

Oberlin has found a new name for the taxicab. He calls 'em taxidermy cabs. Why? "Because they skin you," he says. And I do, do agree.

I want to congratulate Hunter and Drummonds on their marriage, and I hope they'll be very happy.

A total of about 702,000 Defense Department military and civilian personnel are purchasing U. S. Savings bonds at a monthly cost of about \$16 million.

Mysterious Battle Rages in Santa Cruz Village

Through the dark, semi-deserted streets, a heavily-armed posse stalks the foe to its lair. Whispered commands of national import break the stillness at irregular intervals, and the person ordered goes quietly to his new post of vantage. Everywhere, indistinct figures scurry, their weapons held ready, their feet merely caressing the earth.

From around the corner of a white house a dark muzzle peeks. The eyes above the muzzle are dilated and wary as they cautiously examine the streets for any sign of the invader—



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed the Evening Mass and terminated with Benediction of the Holy Sacrament—at services that took place on Holy Thursday in the Catholic Oratory of the station chapel.

In the Henhouse

With her last sad goodbyes still ringing in my ears, I think it is time that I made a confession to the readers of this paper. It concerns the scribe who, until recently wrote the column in this paper entitled, "In The Hen House," and who used as her pseudonym of "One Little Chick." If you have the smelling salts and other stimulants ready, you may read on. It was none other than Connie Charron!!

I realize, of course, that this news comes as a shocking surprise to many of the persons on this base, but I must tell the truth. It really was she.

Connie, for those who didn't know her, came to Oak Knoll about a year ago and in that short time has met almost everyone on the base; certainly the majority knew of her blythe spirit by hearsay. Connie left Wednesday for parts better left unsaid, and for that reason, the column she used to work so very diligently to turn out will not be appearing any more.

—YE EDITOR

A new guest house for visitors and an enlisted men's club have been opened at the Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Training Center.

Who gives 'em—Mr.? Who takes 'em—Mrs.? Maybe—

Goffs Falls, N. H. (AFPS)—Who gives the orders in the Carter family is almost anybody's guess.

It's this way. Horace L. Carter is a Regular Navy chief hospital corpsman. His wife, the former Donna Garrity, is a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Nurse Corps Reserve.

The Carter - Garrity romance started in the Pacific during World War II. They were married in November, 1949. Chief Carter now is stationed at the Naval Reserve Training Center in Manchester, N.H.

LCDR Carter, who resigned her Regular Navy commission when she married, is a member of a Nurse Corps Reserve unit there.

Chief Carter says that when his wife—in uniform—reports for the Reserve unit's meetings, he answers her with a "yes or no ma'am." But when they're home, more endearing terms are used.

The Camp Hood, Texas, Information and Education Center is conducting weekly classes in citizenship and democracy for foreign-born war brides. Educational films, Armed Forces Talks, and literature issued by the Bureau of Immigration are used as instruction material.

Madly the truant twists and turn in his vain endeavor to remain free. Desperately he strives to break through the ever-tightening circle of enemies. It is useless. The circle tightens and with a deft thrust of his weapon, one of the invaders has captured the gallant foe.

That was it. A few growls, one or two barks, a smothered sigh of surrender, and it is all over. Jubilantly the intrepid Master-at-Arms force makes its way down the hill to the pound with another of Santa Cruz Village's unwanted dogs.

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PREVIEWS

Saturday, 15 April

CANADIAN PACIFIC—Randolph Scott, Jane Wyatt. Railroad building through the pioneer West complete with romance, a villainous trader who rouses the settlers and Indians to hostility and war, and the iron men who are determined to push the line through is a tried and proved recipe for a motion picture. Add to these ingredients the majestic beauty of the Canadian Rockies and some fast moving direction and you have "Canadian Pacific" in 95 minutes of swift action.

Sunday, 16 April

SHADOW ON THE WALL—Zachary Scott, Ann Southern. Although technically a melodrama, in the sense that a murder is committed and the killer is brought to justice, this is in essence and for about 90% of its footage a study of the uses of psychiatry, taking on the nature of a classroom demonstration rather than that of a dramatic entertainment. As a short course in applied psychiatry, it rates high in terms of clarity and simplicity.

Monday, 17 April

DATE WITH JUDY—Wallace Beery, Jane Powell. No available information.

Tuesday, 18 April

THREE CAME HOME—Claudette Colbert, Patric Knowles. The story in which Claudette Colbert plays the real life role of the author of the book is depicted untheatrically and with a great deal of genuineness. The Japanese captors are not made out as melodramatic fiends. They are dealt with much more severely by means of an authentic interpretation of the true facts of their behavior. Hayakawa gives a vivid portrayal of the Japanese militarist's confusion of loyalties, hatreds and devotions.

Wednesday, 19 April

BORDER RENEGADES—Johnny Mack Brown. No available information.

Thursday, 20 April

THE STRATTON STORY—James Stewart, June Allyson. Here is James Stewart in the best attraction he has had since returning from the war. It's a baseball story inevitably inviting comparison with the famed "Pride of the Yankees." There was, and is, such a player as Monty Stratton. It is a fact that he played with the Chicago White Sox, held the American League record for right-handed pitching, married and had two kids, and had his leg amputated above the knee as a consequence of a hunting accident. He lost courage and interest, pitied himself, made his wife and mother unhappy but overcame his despondency when he saw his young son learning to walk.

Friday, 21 April

DAUGHTER OF ROSIE O'GRADY—June Haver, Gordon McRae. June Haver is the daughter of a strict old Irishman with a hatred for the stage since the five-a-day grind in vaudeville brought death to his wife and dancing partner. McRae is the young and handsome "Tony Pastor" who operates a variety house on 14th St. They meet, fall in love, and she goes on to a successful stage career despite the bitter objections of her father.

Saturday, 22 April

SONG OF THE THIN MAN—William Powell, Myrna Loy. No available information.

Softball Team Loses Two, Baseball One

NAS Hellcats Win Baseball League Opener

With brand spanking new uniforms and all, the Pirates dropped the first 12ND league game Wednesday afternoon to a team they'd shut out only two weeks before. In spite of Captain Gordon's throwing out the first ball, the Bucs were soundly trounced 12 to 0 by the NAS Hellcats on the local diamond.

The game was the third loss by Joe Reginato's charges, and the Hellcats did all but kiss the Pirates as they avenged themselves for the 5-0 defeat handed them two weeks ago. Single doubles, triples, and the first home run in any Pirate contest all came to the Hellcats as they hammered Tamborski for sixteen safeties, six of them falling for extra bases.

The lone home run, first seen in any of the Pirate's games this year, came in the third inning. With Sharpe, who'd tripled ahead of him, on board, Sheppard lined a ball into left-center field for the circuit cleat and the first two runs of the ball game.

Noel, winning pitcher, gave up only three hits in the seven inning contest and didn't allow any of the Bucs to reach third base. He struck out nine of the twenty-five Corps hitters he faced and walked two, neither of whom got beyond the initial sack. The two who reached second were Stevenson, who got aboard on an error in the first and stole second, and Schroedor, who doubled onto the hillside in the fourth inning.

Stevenson was the first to spoil a no-hitter for Noel when he singled sharply to right-center with two away in the third. Schroedor followed with a double in the next inning, and Wershham got the third hit in the fifth when he beat out a bunt.

Of the twelve runs off Tamborski, all but five were earned, and although there was spotty fielding, it was the hitting that won the game for the Hellcats, both their hitting and the non-hitting of the Pirates. Although he seemed to have his usual control, he walked only two; Tamborski seemed to have lost the speed and finesse which held the Hellcat swingers helpless in the first encounter with them.

The new uniforms were, unlike those of Hollywood, the regular length. They were grey with red and white stripes down the seam of the trousers and around the neck and down each side of the button holes on the shirts. Stockings were grey with red stripes. A red hat perched atop the player's head completed the ensemble.

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Sharpe,ss	5	2	1	0	Mullens,3b	5	0	0	0
Sheppard,lf	5	1	1	0	Stevenson,c	1	1	0	0
Bowen,rf	2	1	0	0	Johnson,ss	4	0	0	0
Haven,1b	4	3	8	0	Tamborski,p	2	0	0	0
Brackman,c	4	2	9	1	Schroedor,1b	2	1	0	0
Moses,3b	4	2	1	2	Stephens,2b	2	0	0	0
Malone,2b	5	2	1	4	Wershham,cf	2	1	0	0
Mason,cf	1	0	0	0	Forrest,lf	2	0	0	0
Noel,p	4	1	0	12	Mitchell,rf	1	0	0	0
Grogges,cf	2	2	0	0	Liveroni,rf	1	0	0	0
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Beginning with this issue, "THE OAK LEAF" is sponsoring a contest to select a name-plate for this sports page. There will be one prize, and one prize only, given for the best entry submitted. That prize will be one crisp new five-dollar bill.

The contest winner will be announced in the 29 April issue of "THE OAK LEAF" and the winning name-plate will appear in the issue of 6 May; so all entries must be received by the editor before 1200 Wednesday, 26 April. All entries must be two inches by eight inches in size, and drawn in India ink on white paper.

The name-plate judged the winner will be reduced to one inch by two columns and will appear on this page in every issue. It must relate to sports; it must be attractive to the eye, and conducive to good make-up of the page; it may be either serious or humorous.

Tennis Tourney Begins Monday

Hospital Leagues Ready to Begin

The first round of the new intra-mural tennis tournament is scheduled to start Monday, 17 April, Mr. Reginato, director of athletics, announced late this week.

Twelve entrants have signed up thus far and have been divided into sets which will play each other at their own discretion. The first round must be completed by Friday, 21 April, however, and if possible by Wednesday, 19 April.

D. C. Bailey, CSR, vs. D. G. Sudbeck, CSR; CMDR Milton Kurzkrok, Pediatrics, vs. J. G. Blaine, X-ray; Ron Randall, 46B, vs. J. C. Stevenson, Record Office; G. A. Schroedor, CSR, vs. N. G. Fuller, 42A; ENS M. Shea vs. E. H. Matthews, 40B; J. A. Burnett, ENT, vs. ENS O. Searcy.

Managers Named

Managers of the intra-mural softball teams have been announced, Mr. Reginato said, and the league will begin play as soon as the players can be chosen and get some practice. Managers for the teams are: CSR, G. A. Schroedor; Administration Building, J. C. Stevenson; CPO's, Robert Lyons; Civilian Employees, John Garcia, Machine shop; Officers, LTR. L. Thompson, Welfare and Recreation; Composites, Dale Harrold, Dental Building; Nurses, ENS Geraldine Baldey, 61A, and NP, M. H. Myers, 47A.

Rules for the new league compounded thus far are as follows:

1. Games shall start at 1645, not later than 1700, and shall stop at 1815 or at the completion of seven innings, whichever is earlier.

2. Scores of games called on time shall revert to the last full inning completed.

3. No spiked baseball shoes will be worn.

4. Each team will furnish one official with the officials to exchange positions at half-time of the game.

5. No person playing for either the hospital's baseball or softball teams shall be eligible to compete in this league. (If a person is drafted to play for the hospital team, he may continue to play for the department from which he was drafted.)

6. If the hospital team is playing a game, the intra-departmental game shall begin after it is completed and run for 1 hour and 30 minutes.

7. In case of disputes, the managers of the teams involved and the participants in the protest will meet with Mr. Reginato to arrive at a final decision.

Alameda Dispensary, EMS Down Softballers

Oak Knoll's softball team was still looking for its first win last week after being dumped twice in practice tilts. The games were with the players from Alameda Dispensary, who won handily 7 to 3 Monday afternoon on the local diamond, and with the Electronics Materiel School men, who blasted the ball to the far corners of the earth in capturing the 18 to 3 decision at Treasure Island.

Barney Holliday, a newcomer to the Bucs' pitching staff, gave up five hits in the Alameda game and a stratospheric number in the EMS field day. Errors were costly, too, as the unpracticed Pirates often gave-way in a clutch and allowed runs to pour across the plate.

C. A. Weitz, left fielder for the Pirates, was the first man to homer for the Pirates this season. In the EMS game with the bases empty he caught a ball squarely on the nose and sent it flying a mile into the field.

The event was somewhat overshadowed in the following inning, though, when four of the winners caught the ball on said schnozz and drove it deep into the shadows. All in all, the balls had a very rough day.

A rhubarb almost delevoped in the last half of the seventh inning in the Alameda game. With one run in, one man out and the bases loaded, Lindblad hit a grounder to the third baseman who scooped it up and stepped on the bag, thereby forcing the runner from second. Trying for a double play, he threw the ball home but the catcher, thinking it, too, was a force out, merely stepped on the plate instead of tagging the runner, and the umpire obligingly called him out. Pirates charged from everywhere but before a word could be said, the umpire admitted he'd thought too fast and had chosen the wrong word.

With blood in his eyes, Lalor, pitcher for the victors, stormed from the hill, looking as if he either intended to win the argument or leave the ball game. When his own players began telling him that the man was safe and that the umpire had just called it too fast he turned and went back to his pitching duties.

McComas then doubled Lindblad to third who almost started another rhubarb when he slid under the throw-in. The base ump called him out, but the plate umpire called him safe and, although the plate umpire won this argument, too, Johnson grounded out to end the game.



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Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas last Monday had an opportunity to see at first hand the type of treatment and training Oak Knoll provides for its service and veteran patients. In occupational therapy (left) she chatted with Fred Ebricht, veteran amputee patient, who only recently discovered a talent for painting which may earn him a good living when he leaves the hospital. At right, Amos W. Taylor, CWO, USMC, gave Mrs. Douglas a demonstration of rug weaving, while his instructor, Miss Lenore Andrews, occupational therapist, and Edward Paddock of VFW look on. Also included in the Congresswoman's itinerary was a stop at the Orthopedic Service (center) where CDR C. R. Carr answered numerous questions concerning his patients. In the group pictured here are, Mrs. L. Paddock of the Cootiettes (a women's group associated with VFW), Captain S. S. Cook; Mrs. V. Vest, also a Cootiette; Clyde T. Harris, VFW; Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Paddock, and Dr. Carr.

Contributions Sought For Cancer Control

CWO O. G. Haines has been designated as the officer to receive contributions for the 1950 cancer drive during the month of April. That month was designated by President Harry S. Truman as the month when all may voluntarily contribute toward curbing the disease by financing the study necessary before the disease can be more completely understood.

Ol' Swimmin' Hole To Open Soon

In spite of sweltering weather, Knollites were forced to languish in the shade and merely dream of the inviting coolness of the swimming pool. Green, cool, and welcome, it lay in the bright sunshine during the past week, giving solace only to the select few who are taking their Senior Life-Saving examinations to qualify as lifeguards.

When it is opened (probably before this issue reaches the public), the

turnout is expected to be large and imposing if the weather for the past week continues.

The delay, Mr. Reginato explains, was caused because of the time necessary to select four persons capable of acting as lifeguards for the pool. Two have already been chosen, W. E. Wiley and C. R. Smith, but the remaining two were still to be chosen from among six trying for the post at the time the paper went to press.

Congresswoman Visits Oak Knoll

California's well-known Congresswoman, Helen Gahagan Douglas, took time out from her busy campaign schedule to visit veteran patients at this hospital last Monday. Arriving at the main gate with a party of representatives from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mrs. Douglas went directly to the Officers' Club, where she was entertained at lunch by the Commanding Officer.

She spent the afternoon talking with veterans and seeing the treatment and rehabilitation facilities available to them here. Her tour included the Orthopedic Department, X-Ray, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Tumor Board, Dependent Service, Crew's Library, Chapel, Educational Services, Television Theater, Navy Exchange, and Chiefs' Club.

As a result of her visit, she will return to Washington with first-hand information concerning the work that is being done for patients in this and other military hospitals. She expressed a genuine interest in the problems of veterans and indicated that she will do everything she can when the next Congress convenes to assure adequate and continued treatment for disabled veterans as well as for servicemen and their dependents.

The dynamic Congresswoman, an actress and opera singer before she entered politics in 1939, is the wife of stage and screen star Melvyn (Continued on page 3)

ACMA, Navy Doctors Hold Annual Get-together



Monday night's meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association at which Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN, and members of the staff were hosts, brought approximately 600 civilian and Navy doctors together for a buffet dinner and professional program. Officers of the visiting group, pictured at the Club with the Commanding Officer, are, left to right: Dr. T. Eric Reynolds, president; Dr. Donald D. Lum, ACMA councilor for the California Medical Association; and Dr. Lester B. Lawrence, ACMA secretary-treasurer.

The scientific program included discussions on "Management of Bleeding Duodenal Ulcer"—Captain A. R. Higgins, MC, USN, Chief of the Medical Service; "Analysis of Tumor Board Experience at Oakland Naval Hospital"—Captain E. H. Dickinson, MC, USN, Chief of the Surgical Service; and "Diagnosis of Abdominal Conditions by Flat X-Ray Film"—Captain K. H. Vinnedge, MC, USN, Head of the X-Ray Department.

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If you enjoy playing contract bridge you will be interested in the new Charles Goren's book **POINT COUNT BIDDING** recently received in the main library. If you like to read about the war and world history there are four new titles to pick from: **MY THREE YEARS IN MOSCOW** (by Walter Bedell Smith), **COMBAT COMMAND** (Frederick C. Sherman), **UNITED STATES SUBMARINE OPERATIONS IN WORLD WAR II** (Theodore Roscoe), and **THE TWENTIETH CENTURY** (Hans Kohn). Many other new titles from which you can gain information or pleasure are: **PUBLIC SPEAKING WITHOUT FEAR AND TREMBLING** (Hanna), **THE STORY OF LANGUAGE** (Poi), **GIANT BRAINS** (Berkeley), **TELEVISION FOR RADIOMEN** (Noll), **SECRETS OF THE SURETE** (Belin), **SAILING TECHNIQUE** (Calahan), and **THE WIND IS FREE** (Wightman).

If you are a science fiction fan we have **PEBBLE IN THE SKY**, by Isaac Asimov; if a whodunit fan: **ONE OF THOSE THINGS** (by Cheyney), **WHAT A BODY!** (Green), **MY OLD**

MAN'S BADGE (Findley), and **THE QUEEN'S AWARDS**, 1949. For the new "shoot-em-ups" there are, among others: **AMBUSH** (by Luke Short), **TWO-BIT RANCHER** (Heckelmann), **BLACKSNAKE TRAIL** (by Peter Field), and **SMUGGLER'S TRAIL** (by Evan Evans).

Among the new fiction titles recently acquired: **A FEW FLOWERS FOR SHINER**, by Richard Llewellyn; **I, MY ANCESTOR**, by Nancy Ross; **THE WOMEN ON THE WALL**, by Wallace Stegner; **THE BEAUTIFUL BEQUEST**, by Eric Hatch; **SWIFTWATER**, by Paul Annixter; **A FOREST OF EYES**, by Victor Canning; **THE SERPENT'S EGG**, by David Duncan, and **THE COURTS OF THE LION**, by Robert Krepps.

Have you read Mary Lasswell's new, hilarious novel **ONE ON THE HOUSE** yet? or Daphne Du Maurier's **THE PARASITES** or Samuel Shellabarger's **THE KING'S CAVALIER**?

These, and many others are in the station library. If you wish to read any of them just call or come into the library, or ask the librarian when she visits your ward with the book cart.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Almighty God usually acts according to the laws that He has set down for nature. Hence when a person is afflicted with cancer or tuberculosis, unless something be done to cure these diseases in their early stages, he will die of his steadily increasing illness. Many people would die earlier of afflictions if it were not for the medical and surgical care they receive.

That man or woman who renders insult to God for the so-called untimely death of a loved one is actually beating his fists against a brick wall, so to speak. I have sympathy for them, but time eventually takes the sting from death. It is remarkable that those who suffer often have more piety than those in good health. I heard a little jingle that fits the situation here. "The devil was sick and a wonderful saint was he; the devil got well and a hell of a saint was he."

Die we must. God is not evil. Organized religion stresses that there is a hereafter. It is so easy to have a plan of life when one has faith in God. The healthy person often is guilty of blasphemy, denying God's existence, His mercy, His providence or justice. I have yet to hear a deathbed blasphemy.

CHAPLAIN F. J. KLASS

★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800
Sunday School, Bldg. 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass

Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

Music! Music! Music! is one of the main talents and interests of Edwin George, veteran on 41B. A natural singer, he hails from Texas and has the charm and friendliness so well-known to natives of that state. For some time, he belonged to a fine vocal group in Texas, but in his travels has sung for several years for various groups all over the country. Recently he has sung on wards 41A and 44A, with Mrs. Hortense Bourne, Gray Lady, accompanying him. Mr. George does his own arrangements of old favorite songs. In his modest way, Mr. George also says he is an inventor, working on a device now that he hopes some day the Navy will be able to use.

Chess Club Fans Check This! Regular meetings of the **Chess Club** are on Wednesday nights in the lounge at 7 o'clock. Occasionally guest instructors will be on hand to give demonstrations and advice. Also, special problems and quizzes will be promoted.

For Bed Patients Only! Mr. Cathers and Mr. Schott of Berkeley come each Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons respectively, to challenge and instruct bed patients in chess. Mr. Cathers is a retired man who has found a lot of pleasure in the game for the past several years. He also belongs to a Berkeley Chess Club. Mr. Schott, an Austrian by birth, has indulged in chess tactics for many years.

Battle Royal Winners! Dr. Boyd emerges as high point man for the month of March. He and Dr. McKinley waged a daily battle and appear to be our most astute players of the royal game.

Schedule of Red Cross Lounge Activities. Highlight of Monday evening activities will be the popular game of bridge. Mrs. Bell, Gray Lady, will be in charge of the activity, guiding those who wish to learn and participate.

Other evening activities scheduled in the lounge for the coming week are:

Tuesday evening—Social night
Wednesday evening—Chess Club
Thursday evening—Dance and birthday party, honoring all those born in April

Friday evening—Folk Dancing

Afternoon activities:

Wednesday afternoon—Stamp Club
Wednesday afternoon—Piano lessons
Thursday afternoon—Arthur Murray Dance Class

Thursday afternoon—Art instruction in Art Studio

Friday afternoon—Voice lessons.

Parlez-vous Francais? Felice Chapman, SA, 69A, Ernest Sandoval, CSSN, 42A, and Lapetre Sarthow, veteran, 44A, are taking advantage of the **French** instruction under the excellent direction of Mrs. Alice Lingert, volunteer.

Then there's **Spanish, German, and Russian** instruction available, under the guiding hands of James Grulhamet and Oscar Burke, language society members of Alpha Mu Gamma. Mary MacFadgen also comes out every Tuesday afternoon from the University of California to teach **Spanish**. So it's all yours—just let your Red Cross worker know if you are interested. Should be fun!

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

9 April

DISCHERT, Ronald Elliott, to wife of William Dischert, MMC, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.
FAIRBACH, Clara Louise, to wife of Irvin Fairbach, LT, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.
WOODSON, Baby Boy, to wife of Earl Woodson, ALC, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
BLISSITT, Loretta Lynn, to wife of Bert Blissitt, TN3, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.
DIOTTI, Baby Girl, to wife of Alfred Diotti, BM1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
ELLIOTT, Cathy Marie, to wife of John Elliott, AMC, 6 pounds, 12½ ounces.
BAIRD, Kevin Scott, to wife of John Baird, LT, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
ANDRYAUSKAS, Victor Alan, to wife of Victor Andryauskas, FC1, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

10 April

GREENING, Patricia Lee, to wife of Richard Greening, IC1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
SOLOMON, Baby Boy, to wife of Victor Solomon, LT, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
TURPEN, Mark Stephen, to wife of Robert Turpen, RM1, 7 pounds, 2½ ounces.
GAUL, Raymond Allen III, to wife of Raymond Gaul, LTJG, 8 pounds, 3½ ounces.
FROSS, Charlene "R.", to wife of Clarence Fross, AD1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
KEEGAN, Richard Michael Len, to wife of Eugene Keegan, AN, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
MCCOMAS, Janet Wheeler, to wife of Robert McComas, LCDR, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
GREEN, Wayne Richard, to wife of Marion Green, Cpl, 9 pounds, 13 ounces.
WERSHNER, Baby Boy, to wife of George Wershner, HM1, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

11 April

WALLACE, Michael Charles, to wife of William Wallace, YN1, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
MCGINNIS, Tana Mae, to wife of Milton McGinnis, PFC, 7 pounds, 8½ ounces.
DURHAM, Carol Anne, to wife of Robert Durham, YNSA, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

12 April

DING, Baby Girl, to wife of Oscar Ding, ADC, 7 pounds, 14½ ounces.
BURRESS, George Patrick III, to wife of George P. Burress, Jr., 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
PERALES, David Theodore, to wife of Xaesar Perales, AM3, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
CARUTHERS, Baby Boy, to wife of Ralph Caruthers, LT, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
WHITE, Baby Girl, to wife of Clarence White, AN, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
DUMPHY, Alfred James, Jr., to wife of Alfred Dumphy, AN, 7 pounds, 11½ ounces.
SHUMAN, Deborah Marie, to wife of Harry Shuman, SN, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
COSTELLO, Donald Harford, Jr., to wife of Donald Costello, AL1, 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

13 April

MALLORY, Mark Steven, to wife of Bruce Mallory, LT, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
DAVIS, Denver Lee, to wife of Walter Davis, ChPCLK, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
SWARTZ, Baby Boy, to wife of Benjamin Swartz, EN3, 8 pounds, 11½ ounces.
ERVIN, Donita Louise, to wife of Donald Ervin, QM3, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

14 April

CRITCHLOW, Baby Girl, to wife of Harold Critchlow, HMC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
MURPHY, Baby Boy, to wife of Gerald Murphy, ETC, 6 pounds, 3½ ounces.
ARTHUR, Baby Boy, to wife of Eugene Arthur, AD1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
JANSSENS, Joyce Marie, to wife of Edward Janssens, BT1, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
FARRIS, Valerie Carole, to wife of Harold Farris, CS2, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
MCGUIRE, Jeffrey Ragan, to wife of Philip McGuire, HMC, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
WHEAT, Brenda Jean, to wife of Ray Wheat, EN2, 4 pounds, 1 ounce.
MCCULLOUGH, Maureen Joanne, to wife of John McCullough, ENS, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
SNIDER, Cheryl De, to wife of Fred Snider, CDR(Ret), 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

15 April

LILEK, Baby Girl, to wife of Ernest Lilek, LCDR, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
BURNETT, Steven Richard, to wife of Arthur Burnett, QMC, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
HELLON, Brian Henry, to wife of James Hellon, LTJG, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.
BACHLEDA, Julia Ellen, to wife of Milan Bachleda, LTJG(Ret), 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
ZABRISKIE, Baby Boy, to wife of Charles Zabriskie, LTJG, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
PIKE, George Ernest, Jr., to wife of George Pike, BMC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

"So you say the water at this fraternity house is unfit for drinking?"

"Yeah."

"Well, tell me, what precautions do you take against it?"

"First we filter it."

"Yes."

"Then we boil it."

"Yes."

"Then we add purifying chemicals to it."

"Yes."

"And then we drink beer."

Who's Who...

Having joined the Navy in May of 1944, D. G. Allen, HN, of 43 A and B, liked it so well he rejoined after being discharged in 1946 to attend a balm school as a civilian. Here-enlisted in 1949.

Al was born in Selma, Kansas, which city he still calls home in spite of the lands and the waters he's traveled during his stay in the Navy. He reported to Oak Knoll on 16 January 1950 and became well known around the compound through his stint of duty as Light Master-at-Arms at HCQ.



Wanting to be a doctor after his tour of duty, Hannan H. Mangum, HA, of 61A is working toward that goal while in the Navy. He has already qualified for a high school diploma through the GED test, and is now taking general college courses through USAFI.



Mangum was born in Houston, Texas, but enlisted in Dallas on 5 August 1949. He arrived at Oak Knoll on 24 March 1950. He is a great stamp enthusiast and is beginning a new stamp collection having given the very large one he once had to his little brother when he joined the service.

John H. Boster, HA, on 71A, left the verdure of Washington to enlist in the Navy. Born in Hoquiam, he enlisted in Aberdeen, and made only two stops in his journey to Oak Knoll—Boot Camp and Corps School.

He is one of the newer residents in the white building atop the hill, having been here for only a month and is still waiting to celebrate the anniversary of his enlistment. Said anniversary will occur on 11 July of this year, and, while he didn't say so, according to his hobby, a party is in order.



The ring of a telephone is a familiar sound to the man whose smiling face is here depicted. He is William S. Sellers, HA, who spends his working hours in the O.O.D.'s office.

Sellers is holding down the catcher's slot on the station softball team, and his bat has earned

him a try on more than one occasion to turn the tide to the Pirate's favor. He was born, reared, and enlisted in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he played three years for the state champions in football. He enlisted in that town on 28 June 1948 and arrived at Oak Knoll on 7 January 1949.

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

With Tom Cat

In place of the usual scuttlebutt and compound gossip this week, I am going to give my views on our (pardon the expression) "Home Away from Home"—the one and only HCQ.

A white, H-shaped, two-story building, HCQ rests atop the peak that rises toward the skyline above the hospital. It rests, that is, during the week, but certainly not on pay-day and Saturday nights.

Now let me set you straight about our quarters from the beginning. I have no intention of complaining about them. Why should I gripe? Don't think for one moment that it annoys me to have to practically stick my radio in my ear to hear it. And do you think I have the slightest urge to cram the other guy's radios down their throats? Oh, no, not I.

Take for instance the different types of radio listeners, speaking principally of music, of course. There is the hill-billy music lover. You know this type—sits for hours patting his foot and straining his brain trying to memorize the words being (I hesitate to use the word) sung. But this type of music is all right for a change... a change of station. Then there is the jazz fiend or addict. He simply loves to hear the sound created as the different instruments attempt to blast each other off the air. Furthermore, this type is usually deaf in one ear and unable to hear out of the other, necessitating great volume. Last, but by no means least, (as the saying goes) are the popular music lovers. I have nothing to say for or against this type, except that they break the silence.

Now, don't get a misconception of our happy home. Actually, it is a nice quiet... place. Oh, some joker may slam your locker door shut while you're combing your hair, but what're a few glass splinters among friends. Or you may emerge from the showers and find some big, burly guy using your towel as a foot-mat. So what? These will some day be happy memories. How can you or I hope to forget these homely, homey scenes—guys running around in their skivvies, the juggler who tries to carry six too many cokes down the stairs, the character who hands out advice on how and when to shoot at the pool table, the "B" box, little invention of the devil which never calls your name except when you're stepping into a shower or when you are enjoying a deep sleep on a cold, dreary morning, the grouchy faces in the mornings, the eager, smiling ones on liberty afternoons, the pleasant little practical jokes that greet you after a hard day's work. Your blanket and pillow and radio may be hidden. Books and other hard paraphernalia may fill your pillow cases. A friendly fellow may bounce a cue ball off your head or turn the cold water on you.

This is HCQ. These are the little incidents, memories of which I will cherish when I return to civilian life, the life they make me long for.

"I'm fed up on that," cried the baby, pointing to the high-chair.



Janet Wheeler McComas paused at the door of 73A to have her first picture taken as she left the hospital last Friday with her parents, Chaplain and Mrs. R. F. McComas. The 7 pound, 9 ounce baby girl, born Monday, 10 April, is the second child for the McComases. They have another daughter, Betty, age 3.

Congresswoman Visits

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Douglas. She has been a representative from the Fourteenth California District, 78th to 81st Congresses (1945-1951), and is now a candidate for Democratic Nominee for Senator.

Arrangements for Mrs. Douglas' visit were made by Dr. William Henry of Alameda, representative for the Department of California, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Two Irishmen had taken rooms in an American city and were attacked by mosquitoes, an insect new to them. They turned out the light and crawled under the sheets. Larry peeped out from under the sheets just as a firefly flitted in through the window. "It's no use, Mickey," he exclaimed, "they've come back wid lanterns looking for us."

Welcome and Farewell

Ten persons left Oak Knoll, and 32 reported aboard during the week of 12 April to 19 April. Departing were LTJG Arthur J. Willets, to USS General A. E. Anderson; LT Elizabeth M. Duwe, to Adak, Alaska; Theodore L. Bachman, HN, to NAS, Pensacola, Florida; Clifford M. Hodge, HN, and "J" "Y" Blount, Jr., HN, to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Milton Landis, HN, to Great Lakes, Illinois; Gordon L. Croft, HN, to NAS, Memphis, Tennessee; Paul L. Van Harten, HN, to NAS, Orange, Texas; Richard E. Bartley, HN, to NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; Constance L. Charron, HN(W), to Treasure Island.

Reporting aboard were LTJG Lewis C. Lohoff, from inactive duty; LT Frank W. Cleary, from USS General H. W. Butner; LT Gale G. Clark, LTJG Elizabeth D. Kuhl, LT Martha E. Clark, ENS Gertrude A. Christ, and ENS Loree Young, all from USNH, Long Beach; Lt Mary H. Rycek, from NAS, Alameda; Harry R. Matchett, HMC, from patient status; Harold J. Pero, HN, and John R. Mowak, HN, from USNH, St. Albans, New York; Robert K. Lane, HN, from USNH, Chelsea, Mass.; Joseph T. Reynolds, HN, from USNH, Portsmouth, Virginia; Ivane E. Bristow, HN, Reuben H. Brown, HN, William J. Berry, HA, Robert J. Bridges, HN, James C. Brock, HA, Johnnie Brown, HA, Hobart W. Bosworth, HN, Thomas M. Breeze, HA, Abner G. Coleman, HA, Richard C. Fisher, HA, Paul D. Grice, HA, Arthur D. Heinz, HM3, Harold J. Kaiser, HN, Ollen C. Langston, HM3, Ernest L. Moore, HN, Donald E. Rives, HA, David J. Spraglio, HM3, Denny J. Thompson, HA, and Clifford G. Woods, HA, from USNH, Mare Island.

Navy Names McCormick As Its New Vice CNO

Washington (AFPS)—Vice Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, a former submarine officer, has been named Vice Chief of Naval Operations, the Navy's second highest command office. Since late 1948 he has served as commandant of the 12th Naval District with Headquarters in San Francisco. He relieves Vice Admiral John D. Price.

ARC Field Director Thanks Staff, Patients for Support in Membership Appeal

Dear Captain Cook:

On behalf of the American National Red Cross I want to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the generous response evidenced in the National Red Cross membership appeal. The results were extremely gratifying for, as you know, the contributions amounted to \$1,006.00, and not only exceeded the goal set but exceeded the contributions of the past four years.

The carefully planned organization set up by Chaplain McComas certainly merits our commendation. Will you please extend to him our thanks for a splendid effort in our behalf?

To the Oak Leaf, also, we extend our appreciation. We feel sure that not only the special featured articles on the Drive, but the regular weekly Red Cross publicity carried continuously by this publication contributed greatly toward the success of the Drive.

The loyalty and support of the personnel at this hospital as demonstrated by their generosity is an added incentive to the Red Cross staff here to provide ever better service to patients and staff.

Very sincerely yours,

MARIE ADAMS
Field Director

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 23 April

CAPTAIN CAREY—Alan Ladd, Wanda Hendrix, Ladd, operating inside Nazi lines and transmitting U.S.S. information over a radio hidden in a secret room beneath an Italian castle, with the aid of the daughter of the noble family that owns it, is betrayed by an unknown party to the Nazis, who kill his buddy and wound him so seriously that he spends three years in a hospital. The war over, Ladd, back in America, finds in an art gallery display a painting he knows must have come from the secret room, where he knows no one but the betrayer could have obtained it. Returning to the scene to track down the betrayer, he finds the townfolk have blamed him for the deaths of 28 partisans who aided him, but persists in his quest until he has succeeded and has avenged the betrayal.

Monday, 24 April

THE UNTAMED BREED—Sonny Tufts, Barbara Britton. No available information.

Tuesday, 25 April

CARGO TO CAPETOWN—Broderick Crawford, John Ireland, Ellen Drew. This is an adventure story of the sea, done with more farce than logic but exciting in many scenes. It has all the necessary elements to get the audience into a tense mood softened by touches of romance and the appealing sight of Ellen Drew in an undermanning role. In the picture an old tanker goes through a typhoon and an oil fire. Men fight it out in a slippery engine room, and a little native boy dies serving skipper Ireland. Ireland takes an old tanker out and shanghaies a crew, including his old friend Crawford, who is about to marry Ellen. It turns out she used to know Ireland and she comes aboard, too. After an eventful trip, which sees Ellen and Broderick married, all concerned agree that Ellen and John would be better off together, so the plot indicates that the marriage will be annulled.

Wednesday, 26 April

THE GOLDEN 20's—Al Jolson. No available information.

Thursday, 27 April

KILL THE UMPIRE—William Bendix. No available information.

Friday, 28 April

ON THE TOWN—Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Betty Garret, Ann Miller. The jewel in the crown is New York which is the town where the six principles are due for a frenzied 24 hours. They never stand still, nor does the picture, while three happy gobs—Gene Kelly, Sinatra and Jules Munshien—set out to do the big town in 25 hours. On shore leave Kelly falls for Vera-Allen, only he has to get her off a subway poster first, Betty Garret reverses the usual and goes for Sinatra. Munshien makes happy talk with Ann Miller. Once joined, they're off to the races.

Saturday, 29 April

DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS—Richard Widmark, Lionel Barrymore. No available information.

Hospital Softball Practices Begin--League Opens 1 May

With practice games now in full swing, teams comprising the hospital leagues are taking shape, and the potentialities of each are being discovered.

The Administration Building team, with Landblad pitching, is given a slight edge in the race although it lost a 6 to 5 decision to CSR Monday afternoon. Friday afternoon, 14 April, the Ad Building players swarmed over the Chief Petty Officers, 12 to 7, showing the latent power in their bats.

CSR, with Kitagawa chucking, may also go far. The tiny twirler was a steady pitcher for the Pirates last season and although he didn't burn any records, was a good consistent hurler. George Schroedor, manager of the CSR group, gave the team's hopes added impetus when he predicted this week that they would put in a strong bid for first place. "We have a steady pitcher," Schroedor said, "and the same players are turning out. Both will be deciding factors in this league."

OFFICERS DEFENDING CROWN

The defending champions of last year, the Officers, without the booming bat of C. A. Broadus, Jr., will be sadly handicapped. However, if LCDR R. L. Rouen pitches again, their chances will be raised considerably, since his tricky serves befuddled more than one batter last year.

Robert Lyons, mentor for the CPO's, believes his club has a good chance to finish high in the loop. Eighteen players have expressed a willingness to play, insuring them adequate numbers. The Chief expects to alternate Hoffman and Francisco at the pitching post, which should give the opposing swingers trouble trying to diagnose the different slants.

Civilians under John Garcia are dark horse candidates of the race. They didn't do well last year, but their hopes were high until the last game, and it looks this year as if they've started in where they left off. They could make a clean sweep of the league with a little luck, that being the commodity that drove them out last year. Without it there seems to be very little which could usher them into the pennant place.

LEAGUE PLAY OPENS

League play will open on the first day of May and will continue until the latter part of July. All games will begin at 1645 and will be played on the lower athletic field, diamond number two. Visitors are invited.

According to Myers, manager of the NP technicians team, his charges are given an excellent chance in the league, too. This is a new team to enter the league and most of the players will be bringing unknown talent to the field. This is another dark horse, potentially, and could upset the dope cart without surprising too many people.

There are still two places open in the league, and any group of persons who would like to fill them may contact Mr. Reginato in the Welfare and Recreation Office for necessary information.

Knoll Golfers Tie Moffett



Vinnedge, Spence Lead Moral Victory

A "pick-up" team of five staff men golfers tied a highly touted team of regulars from Moffett Field, 7½ to 7½, on the Lake Chabot golf course Thursday afternoon, 13 April.

The five men, who practice when and where they can, were all staff doctors who apparently hadn't read the advance notices on the Moffett Field golf team. Moffett was picked to sweep the league in the 12ND competition and it had often been said that "Oak Knoll shouldn't even be in the same league."

Although he carded the highest score for the Knollites, LTJG J. W. Cross, DC, didn't make a point as his opponent, Adams, toured the course in a grass-burning 76 to eclipse Cross' respectable 83. LTJG J. H. Spence was luckier in his choice of opponents as he garnered 2½ points on his 83. Captain K. H. Vinnedge also brought in 2½ points when he finished the 18 holes in an 84.

BREATHING GONE

The contest was the first played by the Knollites, and it should make more than one coach at other stations wonder where the dark horse could have come from, where the breather that every coach expected to have, had gone.

Adams carded the lowest score for the day with his point-sweeping 76, but both Cross and Spence were following with their 83's. High score was carded by CDR Kurzkro's opponent Wagner, who hit the bug-a-boos for 95 and allowed the Commander's 94 to come in for 2 points.

The meet was held on the Lake Chabot Golf Course which is considered the home course for the Knollites. While the course doesn't have any traps for the players to avoid, it does have plenty of hills and distance to be covered in par 72.

Thursday the five met the golfers from Treasure Island, another outfit which is supposed to go places in the league, and next Thursday they meet a team which is supposedly their size, NAS, Oakland.

Oaks On Television

Oakland Acorns' games will be shown on television in Building 91 according to word from the Welfare and Recreation Department. As was announced last week, the San Francisco Seals' games will be shown on Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning at 2010 and 1325 respectively. The Oaks' games will be shown on Thursdays and Saturdays beginning at 2010 on both days.

The first showing was on Thursday, and another game will be telecast tonight when the Oaks meet the Portland Beavers in the fifth game of their scheduled seven-game series.

Widow (at seance): "Is that you Dick?"

Ghost: "Yes."

"Are you happy?"

"Very happy."

"Happier than you were with me?"

"Much happier."

"Heaven must be a beautiful place."

"I ain't in heaven."

Hit of the Associated Sportsmen's Club's show Monday night was Joe Gomes, champion fly and plug caster who gave an hour-long demonstration on the whys and wherefores of good casting. Gomes is considered the world's champion at casting and entertained at the 1939 World's Fair on Treasure Island besides teaching such notables as Herbert Hoover and James Farley the art. Under the direction of Harold McQuarrie, the Sequoia Field Archers also gave a half-hour demonstration on trick shots.

Kurzkrok, Matthews Win in Tennis Tourney Other Tilts to Come

The tennis tournament to select players for the hospital team is now in full swing, Mr. Reginato announced Wednesday, but at that time, only two matches had been played off.

Both matches were won by identical scores, as experience won handily over youth and exuberance. In the first match, played Monday afternoon, E. H. Matthews, WO, turned on his 20 years' experience to easily subdue ENS M. Shea 6-0 and 6-1. Although Shea tried, Matthews' shots and serves were just too much to cope with, and Shea was smothered beneath an avalanche of forehands and backhands.

In another game played in perfect tennis weather, CDR Milton Kurzkrok Tuesday afternoon gave J. G. Blain some lessons in elementary tennis, also winning 6-0, 6-1. Dr. Kurzkrok is a pediatrician, but there was nothing childish about the cool, efficient method he used to dispatch the X-Ray Tech.

The tourney is being conducted to select members of a team to represent the hospital in 12ND play.



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Last Thursday after conferring with the Commanding Officer and inspecting WAVE Quarters, Captain Joy Bright Hancock, USN (W), extreme right, talked informally over coffee and cake with WAVES now on duty at the hospital. Gathered for the occasion were, left to right: Marian Kramer, CWO, USN; LT Lucille R. Clark, MSC, USN; Beverly Scheidt, HA; Virginia Rhodes, HN; Lee Green, HMC; Phyllis Shea, HM3; Kathryn Robinson, HMC; Ann E. Johnson, SA; Lucille Berstler, HM1; Anne Hoekstra, HN; Flora Wright, HM1, Edith Rush, HM1.

Capt. Joy Hancock Visits WAVES

Mrs. Joy Bright Hancock, the Navy's only WAVE Captain, on her first nation-wide inspection of WAVE installations since she was appointed Assistant for Women to the Chief of the Bureau of Personnel, last week spent four days visiting Regular Navy WAVES and Reserves in the Bay Area. She spent two hours at Oak Knoll, indicating at the conclusion of her visit that she was pleased with what she saw here. The importance of women's work in the Navy Medical Department is demonstrated, she said, by the fact that 20 per cent of those now being trained will be assigned to the Hospital Corps.

Although the ranks have been depleted since the war, the slim, attractive captain still has a big job supervising Navy women, who number 3000 enlisted women and 320 officers at the present time.

Mrs. Hancock's own Navy career began in World War I, when she served as a yeomanette. From 1919 to 1942, when she was commissioned a lieutenant, she worked for the Navy in a civilian capacity. She is twice a widow of Navy aviators. She is one of

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Death Claims Navy Nurse Corps Officer

Memorial services were held in the station chapel Wednesday afternoon for LT Ima Osa Cudd, NC, USN, staff nurse, who died quietly in her room at Nurses' Quarters Friday afternoon. LCDR R. F. McComas, Protestant chaplain, conducted the services.

Although she had been on the sick list in January of this year, Miss Cudd's death came as a shock to personnel of the hospital. She had had no complaints and was scheduled to assume her accustomed duties as night supervisor at 2200 Friday evening. Her body was discovered when she failed to report for duty. Death—apparently from cardiac failure—had come to the 42-year-old nurse as she slept.

Miss Cudd had been at Oak Knoll slightly more than a year, having reported here from the Marine Recruiting Depot Dispensary in San Diego on 28 February 1949. During that time she had worked on 70A, in the Blood Bank, on an orthopedic ward, and as ward supervisor, in addition to her tours of night duty.

The pleasant-mannered nurse was born in Marmaduke, Arkansas, in 1903 and attended A & M College in that state before going to Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Ten-



LT IMA O. CUDD, NC, USN

nessee, for her nurse's training. She was a member of the active Navy Nurse Corps in 1931 and 1932. Then for several years she was out of the Navy and worked as a private duty nurse before becoming a member of the Navy Nurse Corps Inactive Re-

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Starboard Picnic Set For May 14

Entertainment for the staff will move from the auditorium to the wide-open spaces next month when the first of a series of staff picnics will be held in Redwood Canyon on Sunday, 14 May. The starboard watch will be the honored ones on that date, and all who plan to go are urged to sign up early to insure themselves a reservation.

Although there are no swimming facilities available at the park, adequate measures have been taken to assure everyone a good time. Softball games and contests will be held and, if possible, moonlight dancing will follow. Plenty of food, the piece de resistance thick broiled steaks, will quell the appetites of all.

The picnics will be held on a port and starboard basis, each watch getting two—starboard in May and July, Port in June and August. Transportation will be provided for those who don't have their own methods of getting to the spot. Buses will leave at 1200 and 1230 on the scheduled days and return when the crowds are ready.

Last dance of the winter season was held last Friday night, featuring the music of Larry Capelli and his orchestra.

SHRINE CIRCUS

On Thursday, 4 May, the Shriner's Circus, that madhouse where one never knows what to expect, will be host to forty patients from this hospital. The circus will be presented at the Oakland Auditorium, with transportation leaving the compound from the Community Service Building at 1900. Once again, early sign-ups are requested.

Tickets to the U.S. Army Field Band Concert on Wednesday night at 2000 are available at the Welfare and Recreation Office. The 100-piece band will appear in the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco.

SEALS' GAMES

Attention is called to the fact that 40 tickets are still available for each home game played by the San Francisco Seals. Games this week will be played between the Seals and Los Angeles Angels, an up-and-coming team that threatens to beat the Seals out of their present third-place spot. Transportation for the games will leave the Community Service Building at 1845 on Tuesday and Friday.

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Letter Expresses Hope For Continued Service to Navy Dependents

Palo Alto, California
April 20, 1950

Dear Dr. Cook:

Words are inadequate for me to express my deep appreciation to you and your staff of doctors, nurses, corpsmen, aids, maids, and all the folks that go to make up your Out-Patient Department and the Ward (72B) that I had the pleasure of being a patient in very recently. I really mean "it was a pleasure"—and I feel I am very fortunate to have had the privilege of expert medical care in your well organized, harmonious and sincere hospital, where each person you contact is deeply and sincerely interested in you and your recovery.

It must be a great comfort to the active Navy Personnel to know that in their absence from home there is such an organization to care for their families.

My deepest appreciation to Dr. Gallegos for his expert care and all those who assisted him in my operations; Dr. Sylvester and all those in Ward 72-B, who were so kind and attentive to me.

My congratulations to Dr. Rubin for his well-administered OPD and may our government always find it necessary to keep this service intact.

Very sincerely,

ANNA R. MITCHELL

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

One of our daily papers carried a very interesting half page ad. It was entitled—"Is There A Fortune In Your Attic?" It called attention to the fact that, according to estimates, there are approximately three billion dollars in unclaimed securities in attics, old trunks, mattresses, and elsewhere; securities that have long been forgotten. The ad related the story of a very shabbily dressed elderly woman, clutching a grimy manila envelope stuffed with yellow stock certificates, who appeared at the office of a great utility company. She asked to see the treasurer. She explained that she had no money, that she was living from hand to mouth, and that in exploring some old drawers long unused had come across these stock certificates.

She asked if she could borrow a little money on them. The treasurer said he would check the matter. He returned, with his face beaming, to inform her that the certificates were worth sixty-six thousand dollars on the market as of that day.

We do not want to send you home looking for stock certificates but we do want to remind you that this woman had wealth she did not know she possessed. Now, we would like to compare the attic with your mind and ask, "Is there a fortune in your attic?" The answer most certainly is yes. The fact is that we all have buried deeply in our minds—in our personality—all the wealth and power needed to live a victorious, successful, happy, and useful life. All we need is to believe, and second to put into operation the resources we have stored in our own attics.

CHAPLAIN G. H. SARGENT

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant: Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic: Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science: Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish: Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

SPORTS NIGHT MAY 1st:

A short tumbling demonstration will be presented by the Physical Education Department of the University of California Monday evening, May 1st, at the Red Cross recreation lounge. Following this will be a competitive match of wits to discover who is best-informed on all sports. So join the gang at the lounge Monday evening for a stag sports night.

Roses! Roses! Roses! The flower of love will be seen blossoming soon around many of the wards. Yes, it's spring, but the real fact is that rose trees, rose shrubs and rose bushes, in unusual variety were brought out to the hospital just for you fellows who are so industriously beautifying the grounds near your wards. The Crombie Nursery from Oakland learned what a splendid job was being done here by the patients, so came out with some of their loveliest rose plants. They promise many other fine garden supplies, too, in the near future.

Shades of Pirate Days! Charles Dowden, SA, from ward 60B, saw a picture and got an idea! From a large piece of balsam wood, Dowden began to carve the hull of an old-time sailing vessel. From there he covered the decks with copper, studded with copper nails. Ladders, halyards and rails are painted blue, yellow and red. Black guns project from the interior of the hold.

In a week and three days Dowden had completed a magnificent vessel two and a half feet high and eighteen inches wide at the base. This he's sending to his home in St. Louis, Missouri. What is his next project? Why, another sailing vessel, of course, continuing on in the Red Cross Craft Shop where all the supplies are available.

No Mule-Train This! Did you ever realize that there is no difference between toy electric trains and model railroads? The engines and various types of cars and coaches are assembled from kits. The models are scaled down to precision size adapted from such lines as Super Chief, Twentieth Century, etc. This can develop into a fascinating hobby.

Mr. Alfred Andreson of the Alameda Model Railroad Club will be glad to loan the hospital a complete track and wiring so that when you get your models built, you will have some place to run them and "get the bugs" out of the models. Incidentally, Mr. Andreson is an ex-Navy man himself and is eager to help start a Model Railroad Club here at the hospital. See your Red Cross worker about this.

Douglas McKoy, TN, from 70B, has written some lyrics recently and is delighted to hear that the Richards Company has accepted the lyrics. More than that, they have set the words to music. The theme of his song is a Mother's Day Tribute. Congratulations, McKoy!

"Your grandfather is a little deaf, isn't he?"

"A little! Why, yesterday he conducted family prayers while kneeling on the cat."

Scotsman (leaving home for a few days): "Noo, Maggie, dinna forget to make wee Alec take off his glasses when he's no looking through them."

Counsel: "Do you wish to challenge any of the jury?"

Prisoner: "Well, I think I could lick that little fellow on the end."

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

16 April

DARCY, Thomas Eric, to wife of Robert Darcy, Ens., 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
WASNER, baby girl, to wife of James Wasner, LTJG, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
WILLIAMS, baby girl, to wife of Richard Williams, OMC, 6 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces.
QUINTE, Roger Loretto, Jr., to wife of Roger Quinte, ENC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
VAN ORMAN, baby girl, to wife of John Van Orman, SO1, 7 pounds.

17 April

STROUD, Lorraine, to wife of Edward Stroud, Cpl., 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
SLOCUM, Carol Lee, to wife of James Slocum, ME1, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
CURRIE, Duncan, Moore, to wife of John Currie, CDR., 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
SNELL, Margaret, to wife of Gordon Snell, Ch. Carp, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
CHEROK, Michael Gordon to wife of Nicholas Cherok, LTJG, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
DEVILLE, Bertelle Maxine, to wife of Frank Deville, PFC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.
MCDONALD, Patrick Leonard, to wife of William McDonald, AN, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
HARDEE, Joan May, to wife of Lee Hardee, 1st Lt., 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
NEVEROSKI, David Lee, to wife of Vincent Neveroski, AM1, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

18 April

LOMINICK, Randy Eugene, to wife of Sidney Lominick, AN, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
STONE, baby girl, to wife of Theodore Stone, BMC (ret.) 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
LEWIS, Theresa Antoinette, to wife of Edward Lewis, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

19 April

WEBSTER, Charles Scott, to wife of Gary Webster, T/Sgt., 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
ALLEN, baby girl, to wife of James Allen, ADC, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
BOURDIER, Pierre Michael, to wife of Vernon Bourdier, EM3, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
TASTSIDES, Jane Kathryn, to wife of George Tastsides, LTJG, 5 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces.

20 April

BUTLER, baby girl, to wife of William Butler, Capt., USAAF, (Ret.) 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
EDEN, Linda Elinor, to wife of Benjamin Eden, MM2, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
PORTLOCK, Jacqueline Lee, to wife of Le Roy Portlock, AM3, 7 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces.
DOUCETTE, Janet Marie, to wife of Roger Doucette, MM3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
RAMIREZ, Josephine, to wife of Jesse Ramirez, SN, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
OBERMEYER, Dwayne, Carroll, to wife of Irvin, Obermeyer, ATC, 7 pounds.

21 April

COX, Lee Allen, to wife of Donald Cox, PFC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
BOHNS, Steve Allen, to wife of Raymond Bohns, AL1, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.
JOY, Adrienne Irene, to wife of Quentin Joy, Maj., USMC, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
STARLING, Joseph Lee, to wife of Charles Starling, FN, 7 pounds.
HARRIS, Wilson Joseph, Jr., to wife of Wilson Harris, SHSN, 5 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces.

22 April

PEART, Anna Kathryn, to wife of Cecil Peart, WOHC, 5 pounds, 5 ounces.
HILLMAN, Yvonne Lorraine, to wife of Clarence Hillman, AN, 6 pounds.
COBB, Pauline Cle Ellen, to wife of Harold Cobb, AN, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
FISHER, Raymond Allen, to wife of Christopher, Fisher, ALC, 9 pounds, 12 ounces.
BROWN, Sheryl Ann, to wife of Matthew Brown, AO3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

Captain Hancock Visits

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eight women in the United States who are entitled to wear "scrambled eggs" on their hats.

In addition to discussing WAVE problems with the CO, and visiting WAVE Quarters, Mrs. Hancock called on WAVE patients and stopped in the Disbursing Office to reminisce with Mrs. Persis A. Stanley, another World War I yeomanette. She was accompanied here by LCDR Irene Williams, son, assistant for women in this district.

Who's Who...

From the shores of Puget Sound, William I. Nelson, HA of ward 71A, traveled to San Diego when he enlisted in the Navy on 23 July 1949 in Seattle, Washington. Nelson was born there and attended high school before enlisting.

An honor roll student in high school and honor man for his company in corps school, Nelson's favorite activities reflect his mood in that science and exercise must be combined to excell in either swimming or bowling. His outdoor exercise, in addition to swimming, is obtained by horseback riding.

Harold R. Mayette, HA on ward 42A, made one of the longest journeys possible and still remain within the continental United States, when he traveled from his place of enlistment, Rutland, Vermont, to San Diego Boot Camp. He began the trip on 28 September 1948 and ended it four days later at San Diego.

He worked in a machine shop before enlisting, which explains his love for auto races, and since arriving at Oak Knoll on 8 April 1949 he has seen many of the races at the San Leandro speedway.

Roller skating at the Skate-Mor is one of the favorite methods of passing time for Frank A. Rumsey, HN, of ward 64A. That is where he has usually been found on his liberty nights, sooner or later, in company with several of the other corpsmen of the compound, since his arrival here on 12 April, 1949.

Although his home town is James, town, North Dakota, Rumsey signed the dotted line in that state's capital, Bismarck, on 6 October 1948. He left a job as a mechanic when he joined. He took his boot and Corps School training in San Diego prior to reporting aboard.

Pearts Have A Girl, Their Third

CWOHC Cecil J. Peart, USN, was a firm believer in the old saying "Three's the Charm" until last Saturday, 22 April, when his wife, Martha Beth, presented him another baby girl, their third.

Once over the shock of finding himself outnumbered 4 to 1, the Assistant Record Officer admitted that he really doesn't mind girls and that Anna Kathryn, who weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces at birth, is a nice baby. Mr. and Mrs. Peart's other daughters are Helen Elizabeth, 3, and Sylvia Eve, 20 months.

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

With Tom Cat

Gee, ain't it hot! I, for one, will be glad when the swimming pool opens. Ah, to lie by the water's edge and watch the . . . scenery? passing by. I wonder if this pen writes under water?

B. A. Branson (that's the guy with a slight speech impediment . . . every once in a while he stops for breath) wants to know if anyone else has heard about the germ who worried himself sick because he thought he had penicillin. Poor kid, and so young, too.

D. H. Boven wishes he had a girl with lots of money to burn. He thinks he'd make a good match for her. File your applications early, girls.

Spence says that he has gone out with hundreds of girls and never kissed one . . . "but I'll get to her yet," he says, "it just takes time!" But do you have that kind of time, my boy?

Complaints, complaints, and more complaints. Everybody has them nowadays. Even Wood is complaining about a steak he had the other day. He said it was so rare that one could eat it and milk it at the same time.

Since when has Garcia taken up acrobatics? Last Friday I spied him doing a few body twists in front of 61. Elmor and Webber were assisting him, of course. They were doing the twisting (you brutes).

Willets had just made an amazing discovery in the field of animal husbandry. It seems that he crossed a carrier pigeon, a woodpecker, a parrot and a chicken. The result was a bird that would fly to your house, knock on the door, tell you the message, lay an egg, and then fly back home.

The hero is being shot at and beaten to a pulp while an angry lynch mob mills outside waiting to get their hands on him. Everyone is sitting on the edge of their seats, tensely awaiting the next scene; and what happens? Zeigler fouls the film.

Has Litchfield gone Hollywood on us? A few days ago he was seen in the chow hall wearing sun glasses and a bored, playboy expression. Maybe the light was just bad.

I have it on good authority that a glass of beer will improve the flavor of a pinch of salt.

Kyzer argues that some women are easy to look at . . . others pull their shades.

While thumbing through the dictionary trying to find the meaning of "tautonym" I found that Webster says that taut means tight. I guess I was taut a lot in school after all.

A lady of fashion was out airing her Pekingese when she stopped to watch a tractor trying to pull a giant crane out of an excavation. Presently the foreman approached the woman and asked: "Lady, could we borrow your dog?"

"Whatever for?"

"We'll hitch him up and pull out that crane."

"What? Tie up this poor little dog to that big crane? It's impossible."

"That's all right, lady," leered the foreman, "we have whips."



Private First Class Leonard Bolton, United States Marine Corps, can now wear the medal he earned last year when he won the heavyweight boxing championship of the Third Naval District in the Commandant's Cup Athletic Competition. Having been transferred several times in the interim, PFC Bolton had not had a chance to see the medal until it overtook him here last week and was presented to him by the Commanding Officer.

Softball League to Open Monday

With the two teams who are figured to battle it out for the title meeting in the first tilt, the Intra-Hospital Softball League will begin Monday afternoon at 1645 at the softball diamond on the lower athletic field.

H. H. Mass' charges from the Administration Building, sporting a 2 and 1 record, will meet George Schroder's men playing under the colors of the Central Supply Room, who boast of a 2 and 0 record. The men from CSR were the ones who hung the defeat on the AdMen, slipping by them in a practice contest earlier in the season.

Both teams have defeated the Chief Petty Officers, and the AdMen have humbled the players for Civilian Personnel.

The two teams defeated by the AdMen will clash in the second game of the season on Tuesday afternoon. The Civilians, under the tutelage of John Garcia, didn't fare at all well last year, ending near the cellar. This year, they are strengthened in some of their weak spots but to what extent remains to be seen. The Chiefs have yet to hit their stride, and when they do, they could upset plenty of apple-carts. They aren't as young or as fast as some of the teams they'll be meeting, but when their bats begin swinging in the proper tempo, Robert

Lyons' charges could make the odds drop several points.

Wednesday afternoon will see two evenly matched teams play. The Officers' team, under the guidance of LT R. L. Thompson, will replay Meyers' N. P. Techs, a team which they narrowly got past in practice last week. The Officers are the defending champions, but with several of their key men missing, it will be a long, hard pull to the top. LCDR R. L. Rouen is still with them, however, and if his deliberate serves confuse the opposition as they did last year, the ladder will automatically be shortened several lengths. The N. P. Techs are still the unknown quantity in the race. In their lone showing thus far, they kept

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Miss Cudd's Death

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serve on 17 November 1939 in Marmaduke.

Called to active duty on 6 April 1941, she was sent to the Dispensary at the Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut, and from there to the Navy Yard in Washington, D. C. While on duty at the Receiving Station in Washington in May 1943, she was advanced in rank from ensign to lieutenant, junior grade. She transferred to the Regular Navy in 1946.

Miss Cudd had been in the Navy for ten years, and during that time had seen widely diversified duty on both the East and West Coasts and Hawaii. In Hawaii, she worked in the Chief Nurse's office at Hospital 128, and served as Chief Nurse at the NAS, Kaneohe Bay.

She reported to Mare Island in December, 1945, and was commissioned a temporary LCDR there on 4 March 1946. Subsequently, on 1 December 1947, she reverted to permanent lieutenant.

Miss Cudd is survived by her mother, Mrs. Claudia Cudd, and a brother, R. L. Cudd, both residing in Marmaduke, Arkansas.

The body was sent to Arkansas for interment. LT Y. Dargitz, NC, USN, a close friend of Miss Cudd, served as escort.

Stutlers Go All Out For Navy

Daniel P. Stutler, 17, enlisted in the Navy in Baltimore, Maryland, on 8 April, making his an all-Navy family. His father is LTJG David R. Stutler, MSC, USN, Oak Knoll's Record Officer, his stepmother is LT Edna M. Stutler, NC, USN, ward supervisor.

Now a boot at USNTS, Great Lakes, Dan hopes eventually to exchange his SR rate for that of a Radioman, he indicated in a letter his pleased parents received from him recently. Young Stutler has been living with his grandparents in Tacoma Park, Maryland, since his father was transferred here from Bethesda last August.

Pirates Take Two League Tilts

Ski Pitches First Win; Steals Second

For the second time in as many starts, the Oak Knoll Pirates pushed aside the opposition and came home with the long end of the score, a feather in their caps, and a jubilant smile on their faces. On 20 April, the Pirates pushed aside a troublesome nine from NAS, Oakland to emerge on the top of a 6 to 2 score. This record was stretched into a two-game skein on Wednesday, 26 April, when they edged past a determined group from Department Quartermasters Marines of San Francisco, 7 to 6. Both games were played on the home diamond.

Steve Tamborski, converted third baseman, was the winning pitcher for both games, hurling a three-hitter in the first encounter. Heads-up fielding saved him embarrassing moments in the second as two timely double plays cut down potential scoring threats.

Tamborski also won his own ball game in the fourth inning of the second game. Getting aboard on a walk, he stole second and third and came home on a double steal in which Stevenson, acting as bait, was thrown out at second.

The game with the Marines was the fourth in which George Schroder has hit safely, his fourth and fifth doubles of the season going into the outfield to boost his batting average to an even .500.

The game with the Oakland Fliers was never in doubt beyond the first inning. In the first half of the first, the Pirates acted as the visiting team, Young, Schroder and Johnson put together an error, two passed balls, and two singles to go out in front 2 to 0. It was stretched to 3 to 0 in the following inning when Worsham walked, stole second, and came in on two successive errors. Young added one in the fourth on an error, a stolen base, and Stevenson's single. Stephens made it 5 to 1 in the fifth on a walk, theft of second, infield out, and theft of home. Stevenson closed out the Bucs' scoring in the sixth by singling and scoring on Schroder's long double.

Storms scored first for the Fliers in the second inning on a triple and an infield out. In the fifth, Lemen made first on an error and scored on McCullom's triple. The other Flier hit was a single by Ward in the sixth inning.

Unlike the Fliers' game, the tussle with the Marines was in constant doubt until the final inning. The first man up in the seventh got on base via an error and stole second. The next two men grounded out, and a burly pinch-hitter was sent in to bat. With the count 2 and 1 and the tying run on second, Tamborski threw a perfect drop which the batter missed by three inches to end the game.

The Marines opened the scoring in the first inning, combining two walks, an error, a double by Lucas, and a single by Cahall to pour three runs across the plate. In their half of the same inning, Young, Schroder, and Johnson put together two singles and a double to regain two of the runs.

LeGarie, pitcher for the Marines, opened the top of the second with a blooper single to center. Dodd then laced a sharp grounder to Young at shortstop who scooped it up, flipped to Daniels at second who pivoted and fired to Schroder at first and in the twinkling of an eye, the Bucs had their first double play of the season. The second came in the fifth inning. Haupt, left fielder, got aboard on an error with no one down. The following man hit what should have been a single slightly to the left of second.

but Young trapped the ball, raced to second, and, "leaping high to avoid Haupt's attempted block, threw to first to complete the second twin killing."

Three singles in the third inning with a double sandwiched in accounted for the remainder of the Marines' runs and made the score 2 going into the bottom half of the third inning. It was then that the potential power in the Bucs' bats was realized.

With one down, Stevenson walked and stole second. Schroder sent the diminutive catcher home with his second double of the day and himself scored on Johnson's single. Johnson too turned robber and rode home on Daniel's single, who, not to be outdone, purloined second base on the Marine catcher. Mullen followed the general trend and singled home Daniels to tie the score at 6 to 6 and set the stage for Tamborski's solo, game winning dash around the base path.

By committing seven errors to the Marines' three, and being outthrew to seven, the Pirates had to literally steal the game from the losers, which they did by pilfering nine bases in ten attempts. Two of them, by Young and Tamborski, were home. This raised the Pirates' thefts to 15 in 10 attempts in the three league games to date.

OAK KNOLL	2	1	0	1	1	0	0
Hits	2	0	0	2	0	2	1
NAS, OAKLAND	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hits	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Buchta, Stoneage, Lemm, Tamborski							
Stevenson, SO: Buchta 3; Stoneage 1							
Tamborski 6, BB: Buchta 5							
DOSF MARINES	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Hits	2	2	4	1	0	0	0
OAK KNOLL	2	0	4	1	0	0	x
Hits	3	0	4	0	0	0	x
Legarie, Meyers, Tamborski, Stevenson							
SO: Legarie 5; Tamborski 2, BB: Legarie							
4; Tamborski 3							

Softball Begins

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neck-and-neck with the Officers and were nosed out only because of the time limit. With a little luck, they could conceivably go far.

Schroder's CSRs will meet at C. P. O.s Thursday afternoon. In practice contest, the CSRs handle things pretty much their own way, but with two more games under the belts and revenge in their hearts the Chiefs could be a tough team to subdue.

Two strangers will meet Friday afternoon when Meyers' N.P. Techs. tangle for the first time with AdMen. This game should be a good ruler to measure the potentialities of the Techs, because if they show well against these opponents, they will have more than luck.

All games are scheduled to begin 1645, 1700 at the latest, and in the event that one team fails to show up the team on hand with nine men will be declared winner by forfeit. The games will last for seven innings until 1815, whichever is the sooner the contest is called on time the score will revert to the last full inning.

Held Over!

The contest to select a name-plate for this page is still on! Originally to end today, the contest will be extended to May 10 in order to get more and better entries. Everyone on the compound, patient or staff, is eligible to submit an entry and compete for the five-dollar prize.

Entries must be 2x8 inches and drawn with India ink on white paper. Supplies may be obtained at the Red Cross craft shop. The name-plate may be serious or humorous; it must relate to sports, be attractive to the eye and conducive to good page make-up. Judges in the contest will be Miss Lenore Andrews, occupational therapist, Coach Reginato, and the Oak Leaf editor.

Red Hot Treasure Island Golfers Trounce Locals; Vinnedge Gets Only Point

Oak Knoll's golfers, who a week ago tied Moffett Field, ran into a red hot quintet from Treasure Island last Thursday and, although playing better games than they had against Moffett, were snowed under by a 14 to 1 score.

The Treasure Island golfers, rated on a par with Moffett Field in pre-season dope-sheets, were playing way over their heads, as they virtually swept the game and put Oak Knoll into a won one, lost one category.

Captain K. H. Vinnedge was the man who kept the Islanders from registering a shut-out victory by taking one point from his opponent, Watkins. Watkins posted the highest score for the winners, with an 86.

Only other member of the winners' squad to go above 80 was LTJG J. F. Test's opponent, O'Neill, who was probably thoroughly taken in by his coach when he shot an 85.

CDR Milton Kurzrok, although he didn't register a point, was low man for the locals, with an 80-stroke tour of the Lake Chabot course. His opponent, Mavio, got all three points by burning his way around the course in 75 strokes.

Col. Van Way of the winners posted the lowest score of the day, 74, to obliterate LTJG J. W. Cross's 83 and sweep all the points. LTJG J. H. Spence, who last week garnered two and a half points on an 83, was kept out of the point column in this game when CDR Stodola, his opponent, shot a 76.

The golf team plays each Thursday afternoon.

Welcome and Farewell

While six persons were coming aboard, only one left during the week of 19 to 26 April. The one person leaving was Charlie M. Case, HMC, who was sent to duty at Treasure Island.

Reporting were two from Mare Island, LTJG Edna M. Portillo, and Billy D. Thrasher, HA; two from Long Beach, LT Gladys M. Merwin, and ENS Ruth L. Grass; and one each from USNH, Bremerton, Washington, LTJG Anna T. Butler, and NAS, Norfolk, Virginia, Lester J. Rice, SDC.

Sunday, 30 April

NO SAD SONGS FOR ME — Margaret Sullivan, Wendell Corey, Miss Sullivan and Corey are a happily married couple with one child and hoping for another. Then she is informed that she has cancer and is to die within 10 months. She refuses to tell Corey, who starts a romance with Miss Lindfors. He returns to his wife before finding out about her fatal illness. Margaret asks Viceca to stay. The picture ends on a tender and moving note, that is as tasteful as it is effective.

Monday, 1 May
RETURN OF OCTOBER — Glenn Ford,
Perry Moore. No available information.

Tuesday, 2 May
BATTLEGROUND—Van Johnson, John Hodiak. This is the way it was. This is how the boy next door, the grocery clerk, the telephone lineman, the banker, the broker, the garage mechanic, your own brother, son or you yourself saw the war from an infantry foxhole.

Wednesday, 3 May
GUNSLINGERS — Whip Wilson, Reno
Browe. No available information.

Thursday, 4 May
FOUR DAYS' LEAVE — Cornel Wilde, Simone Signoret, Josette Day, Wilde, the only sailor in a group of American GI's on a conducted tour of Switzerland, meets Josette Day, a charming Swiss-French shopgirl, and falls in love with her at first sight. When he learns that she is going to the same ski resort he plans to spend the remainder of his four-day leave with her. When her train is delayed and complications turn up in the presence of Simone Signoret, a temptress, and his army buddies, the situation changes. After Wilde has finally convinced Josette of his love and intention to marry, she attempts to delay a decision until they know each other better. During this brief interval, Simone, through a ruse, breaks up the romance between Wilde and Josette. However, Wilde manages to make Josette realize that they were meant for each other and they go off happily to spend the last day of Wilde's leave together.

Friday, 5 May
THE OUTLAW—Jack Buettel, Jane Russell. This is a story, or maybe just a legend, built around Billy the Kid, bad man of the early West; his amorous experiences with Jane Russell, his friendship with Walter Houston, bad man also fast on the trigger and Thomas Mitchell the Sheriff who turns man hunter and finally kills his friend Houston.

Saturday, 6 May
THE YEARLING—Jane Wyman, Gregory Peck. No available information.

As the incoming train neared the Chicago Stock Yards, a lady passenger took out her bottle of smelling salts. Soon the whole car was filled with a horrible odor. One farmer put up with it as long as he could, then shouted, "Madam, would you mind putting the cork back in that bottle?"



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LCDR J. W. Packard

Commended by British Navy

LCDR James W. Packard, Jr., MC, USN, is this week in receipt of a letter that recalls times much more harrowing than those he is now experiencing as a resident in orthopedic surgery.

"I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty," the letter reads, "to inform you that they have had brought to their notice the assistance given by you to the Commanding Officer of the HMS Amethyst in the evacuation of the wounded to Shanghai by rail from Chinkiang, after the action with Chinese Communist Forces in the Yangtse in April 1949.

"I am to express their Lordships' appreciation of the valuable service rendered by you during the journey on foot to the evacuation point and while accompanying the wounded on the train to Shanghai, when by your care and attention many lives were saved." The letter concludes in typical English form: "I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant, F. S. Lang."

The commendation refers to the excitement that ensued when the British sloop Amethyst, proceeding up the Yangtse to relieve the HMS Consort, was caught in the middle of a Communist crossing of the river. The first shell to hit the Amethyst killed her Medical Officer and wounded a tremendous number of her crew. Three other British ships, the Cruiser London, with the Admiral of the Pacific Fleet aboard, the sloop, Black Swan, and the Consort were involved. All escaped except the ill-fated Amethyst, which ran aground.

Dr. Packard, stationed at Nanking, with Chief Hospitalman Digioento

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Two Staff Officers Promoted to LCDR

W. S. Swofford, Personnel Officer, and Alexander Bowdle, Finance Officer, each added a half stripe to his sleeve this week and handed out cigars in exchange for congratulations. The two Medical Service Corps Officers have been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-commander. Mr. Swofford's promotion is retroactive to 1 January 1949, Mr. Bowdle's to 12 March 1949.

For LCDR Swofford, the advance in rank was his fourth at this station. He was appointed ensign in the Medical Service Corps in June 1942, just before the hospital was officially commissioned. Although his service here has not been continuous, he has the distinction of being the only man aboard who has served under every commanding officer the hospital has had, and his promotions all have become effective while he has been on duty here. He has been in the Navy since 14 March 1923.

LCDR Bowdle, since joining the Navy on 4 January 1928, has served on many ships and at many shore stations. The best duty, from the standpoint of quarters, he recalls, was aboard the USS WEST POINT during the war, when he had a private room; the chow hall was air-conditioned, there was a swimming pool; and things in general were a sailor's dream. The WEST POINT was the former liner, AMERICA, converted into a troop transport. Mr. Bowdle's last tour of duty before he came to Oak Knoll in December 1949 was at Hunters Point, where he served as Medical Materiel Inspector.

This is the second time the new Lieutenant-Commanders have been shipmates. In 1939 they were together aboard the hospital ship, USS RELIEF.

Mrs. Douglas Thanks CO for Hospital Tour

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Cook:

You were very kind to personally conduct me on my visit through the Naval Hospital. Thank you so very much for your courtesy and kindness. There was much to learn, and I am glad to have had the opportunity to become acquainted with the wonderful work being done at the hospital.

Your staff was most cooperative and helpful. Please express to them my deep appreciation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Helen Gahagan Douglas

Admiral Boone Is Hospital Visitor



Rear Admiral Joel T. Boone, MC, USN (left), General Inspector of Navy Medical Activities, paid an unofficial visit to Oak Knoll Wednesday, coming to the club for luncheon and an informal talk with the Commanding officer and members of the staff. The well-known Admiral, one of the Navy's top-ranking doctors, was a frequent visitor to the hospital in 1946 when he served as Inspector of Medical Department Activities, Pacific Coast, and Medical Officer, Western Sea Frontier, and has since his transfer to Washington been here on a number of official inspections.

J. S. Zuehlke Added To VA Office Staff

J. S. Zuehlke has joined the Veterans Administration staff at this hospital and will serve as assistant to Richard A. Springer, head Contact Representative.

Mr. Zuehlke, a former Marine lieutenant, comes to Oak Knoll from the Oakland VA hospital. He is not a stranger to Oak Knoll since he was a patient here in 1945 upon his return from Okinawa.

Wildgoose Heads North After Attacking Juke Box

Coral Gables, Fla. (AFPS)—Over and over again it was played on the juke box—the song contained the lines, "My heart knows what the wild goose knows, so I must go where the wild goose goes." So today police are looking for Winkie Wildgoose, 32, who, allegedly, kicked in the glass panel of the juke box. Wildgoose, they think, headed north.

Lincoln Continental Is Navy Relief Prize

The annual call for Navy Relief funds is now in progress and will last through the month of May, Chaplain R. F. McComas, who serves as Navy Relief Representative here, has announced.

This hospital will participate in the drive as it did last year by selling tickets for the NAS, Alameda benefit and carnival. Tickets will sell for a dollar, half of which goes into Navy relief, and the other half into prizes to be given away. First prize in the benefit this year will be a shiny new Lincoln. Dozens of other valuable prizes will go to holders of numbers drawn on the last night of the carnival at Alameda.

A committee of salesmen will be appointed by the Chaplain, and anyone who wishes to sell may volunteer. There will be prizes for those selling the most tickets and a special prize for the one who sells the winning ticket.

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Retired Naval Officer Pleased With Reception and Treatment

Carmel, California
29 April, 1950

Dear Captain Cook:

During our "active duty" years we hear much about the advantages of free hospitalization after retirement. I, for one, often wondered just what kind of a reception the hospital would give to one on the retired list. During the past two months I got the answer. Twice since February I have been admitted to your hospital, and I want to say that I feel that I have benefitted by the services of as competent and skilled personnel as are available anywhere. And I could not have had more considerate care had I been the Chief of Naval Operations.

I wish that everyone now on active duty could understand, as I now do, this tremendous privilege and right that will be as much theirs after retirement as it is right now.

With sincere appreciation and deep thanks,

Respectfully yours,

H. T. JARRELL
Captain, USN (Retired)

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A MAN'S MOTHER

Man, if you have a mother, be good to her. Tell her that you love her. Let her know by your thoughtfulness and consideration that you appreciate what she has done for you. Scatter a few of the flowers of tenderness and appreciation in her pathway while she is still alive and can be made happy by them. The words you say to her are the very expressions of your thoughts... The deeds you render speak louder than words.

Often lazy sons think they can show mother gratitude by sending, once a year, cards or flowers. Man, that's the least you can do. It's not enough. Live the good example she taught you. Thank God that we as a nation have respect for mother, we as a nation realize that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." We as a nation know that the very

foundation of our way of life is the family.

Man, curb your tongue. Knock off the foul jokes that ridicule the very procreative act that God has allotted the animal kingdom. We are rational animals and made to the image and likeness of God. The likeness is in the soul.

For years the month of May has been dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. But more recently it has become a rallying day all over the globe for the enemies of Christ... for the enemies of the Christian family.

Don't wait to put all your affection and gratitude and reverence for your mother in a costly ton of marble inscribed, "Mother." Bouquets are for the living.

FRANCIS JOHN KLASS
LCDR. ChC. U. S. Navy

NOTE—There will be no Daily Mass held from 8 May to 13 May.

Dr. Packard's Story

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to assist him, was sent to aid the wounded Britishers. By jeep and car the doctor and chief traveled as far as the first Nationalist Command Post. There they picked up a Chinese guard and stretcher bearers and took off across country, traveling all night in darkness, while the Communists continued to shell their target.

Reaching the shattered Amethyst, Dr. Packard and his men gathered up 20 wounded and two dead and retraced their path to the railroad at Chinkiang, there boarding the last train for Shanghai and the protection of the U. S. Navy. The wounded were treated and later transferred to a British hospital in Hongkong.

Welcome and Farewell

Six persons were transferred from and seven were transferred to this base during the week of 26 April to 3 May. Transferred were LTJG's Eugene R. Baker and Leroy E. Plank, both to inactive duty; Edward S. Weidman, HN, Arthur N. Till, HN, and Dale H. Boven, HN, all to NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland for training, and LT Sara E. Kelley, to civilian life.

Received aboard were: LTJG Florence I. Loughrey, from NMC, Guam; LT Margaret T. Mariniak, from USNH, Long Beach; from USNH, Mare Island, LTJG Georgia A. Fraine, ENS Anna M. Ruane, ENS Helen A. Melton, and CWOHC Lewis J. Hall, and Aloi S. Anthony, HN, from NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland.

Hard Work+Loyal Service=Surgical Dressings



Mrs. Eleanor Booth (left), member of Gold Star Mothers, Inc., and the Navy Mothers Club of Oakland, and Mrs. Amelia Comella, Navy Mothers Club, are among the faithful volunteers who serve the hospital by preparing surgical dressings. This photograph was taken Tuesday as the two women worked in Central Supply Room under the direction of LT Helen P. Steve, NC, USN. Their assistants are HN's P. D. Bates and J. D. Siddall.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

23 April

FREDRICK, Karen Leigh, to wife of Ernest Fredrick, ETI, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
ROBERTS, Steven Malcolm, to wife of Douglas Roberts, ATC, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

24 April

CLOUSER, Baby Girl, to wife of Melvin Clouser, FN, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.
BAKER, Jerry Richard, to wife of William Baker, LTJG, 7 pounds, 14½ ounces.
BERKLEY, Linda Lou, to wife of Russell Berkeley, SN, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
SERPA, Edward Albert, to wife of Albert Serpa, AN, 7 pounds, 12½ ounces.
TOWELS, Ronald Dean, to wife of Kirkland Towles, ETI, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

25 April

SIGMAN, Thomas Edward III, to wife of Thomas E. Sigman Jr., AM3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
REED, Charles Sheldon II, to wife of Charles Reed, AE1, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
HARRIS, Rosemary, to wife of Leslie Harris, SHC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
COBB, Kathryn Lynn, to wife of Randolph Cobb, AN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

26 April

BAILEY, Baby Boy, to wife of Neil Bailey, AKC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
ALLEN, Pamela Lynn, to wife of Clarence Allen, MMC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
MYERS, Wesley Arley Jr., to wife of Wesley A. Myers, SA, 4 pounds, 12 ounces.
EZA, Ollie Olga, to wife of Carl Eza, SH2, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.
O'BRIEN, Baby Boy, to wife of Joseph O'Brien, SK1, 6 pounds, 13½ ounces.

27 April

LAW, Jon, to wife of Lawrence Law, AO1, 8 pounds.
ANGWERT, Steven Robb, to wife of John Angwert, HMC, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

28 April

FRANETOVICH, Diane, to wife of Francis Franetovich, LCDR, 3 pounds, 13 ounces.
BUCKLER, Philip Roger, to wife of Joseph Buckler, YN1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.
WOODARD, Baby Boy, to wife of Carl Woodard, AA, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.
INTINARELLI, Terry, to wife of William Intinarelli, AMC, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
BAUMAN, Ronald James, to wife of Lee Bauman, AD2, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
McGLOTHLIN, Kerry Lee, to wife of Caesar McGlothlin, SD2, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

29 April

HARDY, Janeene Kae, to wife of Earl Hardy, AL2, 8 pounds.
KEMMERLING, Carolyn Janice, to wife of Donald Kemmerling, AC3, 5 pounds, 14½ ounces.
SISCO, Rona Terry, to wife of Justin Sisco, ADC, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
SUPPLICK, Robert Albert, to wife of Robert Suplick, SGT, (USA), 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

Making 4x4's, 2x2's, fluffs, cotton applicators, and tonsil sponges is no small job, particularly in this 1800-bed hospital, where large quantities of these and other surgical dressings are constantly needed in treating post-operative and accident cases.

It is interesting to note that Oak Knoll's supply of surgical dressings is maintained entirely by loyal volunteers from church and service organizations in the community. Even as far away as Grand Rapids, Michigan, a Navy Mothers Club is making a substantial contribution to the hospital and particularly to the Central Supply Room, according to LT Helen P. Steve, nurse in charge, who recently received three large bundles of carefully prepared dressings from these cross-country workers.

Local volunteers include members of three Red Cross Chapter groups chairmanned by Mrs. G. Statler, Oakland; Mrs. W. A. Ristenport, Berkeley; and Mrs. Rudolph Steinmetz, Alameda.

The Navy Mothers Club of Oakland, under the leadership of Mrs. Amelia Comella, Mrs. Myrtle King, Mrs. Mae Griffith, and Mrs. Rachel McKee, does an outstanding service for the hospital in this way, as does the American Gold Star Mothers Inc., whose chairman is Mrs. Eleanor Booth. Both groups send workers to the hospital regularly, while others are busy preparing dressings at Blue Jackets Haven, the club headquarters in downtown Oakland.

Women of Fruitvale Christian Church meet regularly to make bandages for the hospital. Their supervisor is Mrs. Myrtle Hewitt. American Women's Volunteer Services, who take part in this important work are headed by Mrs. O. D. Stoesser of Berkeley and Mrs. Marie Stedman of Oakland. Still another group of volunteers come from Alameda Fleet Reserve Association Unit No. 87, for which Mrs. Katherine Urick is chairman.

Who's Who...

This is not, as it may seem at first glance, an example of a typical rogue's gallery photo. It is the likeness of Edward L. Flentke, HA, who spends his working hours on 50A between the hours of 2130 and 0700, doing, among other things, timely research on how to stay awake on night duty.



Flentke comes from the great city of Chicago, having been born and reared there. He left that city to enlist in the Navy at Indianapolis, Indiana, exactly one year ago this 6 May 1950. He arrived at Oak Knoll on 5 January this year, and, with the swimming pool now open, can usually be found there.

Practically all outdoor sports are interesting to Billy D. Thrasher, HA of 60A, one of the newer arrivals at this compound. Bill was born in Anderson, Missouri, but has lived in Longmont, Colorado, for the majority of his life and claims that as his home town. There it was that he enlisted on 10



March 1948 and began his tour of duty as a member of the Navy. After Corps School, Thrasher was sent to Mare Island for duty, which hospital he left to join Oak Knoll's staff on 26 April of this year.

Since arriving at Oak Knoll in July of 1948, Artie E. Meek, HM3, on night duty at 60A, has spent his time sleeping, loafing, or working—always one of the three and never any two simultaneously. He does eat once in a while, too.

Artie was born in Springdale, Arkansas, but now gives Watsonville, California, the pleasure of claiming him since he enlisted there on 10 January 1948. Before acquiring his taste for loafing and sleeping, Meek had a definite yearning for horseback riding and swimming, but these tapered off during the winter months.

Gail L. Mees, HN, on night duty at OPH, claims his favorite occupation in his spare time is sleeping, but, he says, "wait until I get off night duty." What he means is, no doubt, that when he gets off night duty, he won't have to muster at 2100 any more.



Mees was born in Jackson, Michigan, enlisted in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is now living in Antwerp, Ohio; so he should know the highways and byways of the Middle West pretty well. He enlisted on 5 February 1948 and after Corps School, went to Mare Island for his duty before coming to this hospital on 23 March 1950.

Red Cross Ramblings

Twenty Oak Knoll patient-gardeners attended the California Spring Garden Show at the Oakland Exposition Building last week.

Most fortunate patient (or perhaps he just has a gift of gab!) was **Russel Ruiz, AF3, of 60B**, an avid miniature gardener. Mme. Obata, blue ribbon winner and noted authority on classical flower arrangements, has offered to send him a fine little ceramic figurine for his gardens. Also Mrs. Cornelia Chase, another blue ribbon winner who has an extraordinary collection of juniper root forms from the high Sierra, presented Ruiz with a beautiful specimen from her exhibit.

Practical **Charles Castleman**, veteran patient on 70B, purchased an ingenious bug spraying gadget for his very extensive outdoor garden. Watch out, bugs!

Handsome **Ray Divic, SR**, from 47A has become quite the popular singer the past two weeks. As a part of the patient-band that plays for the Thursday evening dances at the Red Cross lounge, Divic entertains with his interpretation of the lyrics.

Divic studied for two years at the Herbert Wall School of Music, Los Angeles, but has been singing and studying music all his life. An experienced singer, he has entertained in a Chicago night club, and has sung with a large band at the Copacabana Club, Monterey, Mexico.

Ray is also a master at crafts. At the moment, he is busy at the Red Cross Craft Shop designing a leather tie to be worn with a western sport shirt.

CRAFTY SURPRISE! Frank Griffin, EN3, 62A, will surprise his wife plenty one of these days! He's busy in the ceramics department in the craft shop making mugs, wishing wells, swans, salt and pepper shakers (his wife collects them), plates, bowls, in fact, everything. All this attractive pottery Griffin is sending to his home in Salem, Oregon. During his eight months' stay at this hospital, he has been active in all forms of craft work.

CHESS CHATTER. There was tough competition again Wednesday evening for the local players when students from California School for the Blind challenged hospital staff and patients at the Red Cross Recreation Lounge. The record shows no wins from these visiting sharpies, who always provide an interesting evening.

Death Takes Former VA Contact Worker

Enerd Forsell, former VA Contact Representative here, died Wednesday at his home in Berkeley. The 38-year-old Veteran Representative had not been well for some time, but there had been nothing to indicate that his condition was worse, and his sudden death came as a shock to his friends and to his mother, with whom he lived.

Funeral services were held yesterday at the Grant Miller Chapel, 2850 Telegraph Avenue. Interment was at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno.

Reserve Chaplains Hold Seminar



Chaplains who met here on April 25 for the Oak Knoll session of the first annual Reserve Chaplains' Seminar were, front row, left to right: S. I. Brewer, Encino; Gerald S. Bash, Santa Ana; Ericile L. White, Whittier College; Olin G. Dasher, Tacoma, Washington; Robert C. McMillen, Brentwood, California; Second row: Elmer H. Childress, Jr., Berkeley; W. J. Holland, Wapato, Washington; John L. Hamerson, Oakland; Franklin A. Swanson, San Leandro; Norman J. Darling, Mountain View, California; Third row: Ernest M. Fowler, Oakland; Harold H. Snively, Berkeley; Fourth row: Beryl L. Burr, Hamilton, Montana; T. J. Mullins, Chaplains' Division, Bureau of Personnel, Washington, D. C., and F. J. Klass, Catholic Chaplain here. The speaker is Chaplain R. F. McComas, senior chaplain at Oak Knoll.

The group met here for one session of the Seminar for Reserve Chaplains of the 11th, 12th, and 13th Naval Districts, who are to be recalled to active duty each year for a two-week refresher course.

On the program for the visiting ministers was an address of welcome by Captain J. N. C. Gordon, Executive Officer; a talk on the organization and mission of Naval hospitals by Captain E. H. Dickinson, Chief of Surgery; and discussions of chaplain ministration in Naval Hospitals by Chaplain McComas and Chaplain Klass.

No Music, No Talk, Still They Extend

Sans shipping-over music, re-enlistment papers, or golden-voiced oratory on the merits of the Navy, several thousand sailors decided to extend their enlistments last Tuesday, 2 May, when word was received that the three months early discharge had been stopped, and that all persons now in the Navy would complete their full 36 months before being separated from the service.

The several thousand were not, of course, all from this base, but several long faces were seen as the result of the news. The physiognomy most closely resembling a bloodhound's when the news reached his ears, belonged to H. H. Mass, HM2, who wandered around mumbling that he had been planning to use his discharge date (a three months early one), as the day to begin his honeymoon.

Several mad schemes about robbing parents' homes so they'd have to accept money from the sons in the service were making the rounds, the idea behind this being to provide said service-sons with reasons for a dependency discharge.

One of the most desperate expressions was exhibited by R. P. Miller, HN, who upon hearing the news, began beating his head against the wall, muttering something about, "Gotta get a discharge. Gotta get a discharge."

Some of the HM1's and Chiefs of the compound, however, didn't mind at all. After all, three months is only ninety days; thirty years is a long time.

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

With Tom Cat

Attention Mr. and Mrs. Oak Knoll! A news flash has just been handed to me. A newborn baby was discovered in the Chaplain's yeoman's office at 1230 Wednesday. D. B. Summerlin, yeoman, made the discovery when he saw the mother hanging around the office for what seemed an unusually long time. The baby appears to be about four days old and is in fine physical shape. The mother is resting well and is very proud of her kitten, who has been christened "Knolly" (after Oak Knoll).

I'll say he's rough and tough. And if you don't believe that Wiley is a real brute, just ask him. Better still, watch him some time as he flexes his mighty muscles and takes a bottle of suntan lotion away from a shapely sunbather.

We all like to keep our gear clean and tidy, but I suggest to Harris that he do it at a more appropriate time and place in the future.

They don't call him wheel for nothing. I'm referring of course, to Glenn Oberlin. Just put it down and watch the wheel go 'round and 'round. Yes, sir, that's really sump'n.

Grijalva requests that Fisk quit shedding, please. Eddie says that every morning when he bounds out of bed, he steps on a bunch of skin instead of the deck. Why not contact the Skin Bank, Fisk? They may be able to use some of you.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 7 May

THE DAMNED DON'T CRY—Joan Crawford, David Brian. The Damned Don't Cry tells about commodities of the underworld organized on a national basis and fronted with all the veneer of respectability. David Brian is the head man who is pretty suave until henchman, Steve Cochran, threatens his authority. Then Brian, reverting to his type, doesn't hesitate to kill him. Chiefly, however, this story by Gertrude Walker centers on Joan Crawford who wanted more than her husband could give her. Warner Bros. 103 minutes.

Monday, 8 May

MR. BELVEDERE GOES TO COLLEGE—Clifton Webb, Shirley Temple. Having written his successful novel, Webb now is winner of a literary prize. But he cannot collect its \$10,000, because the rules dictate the winner must have a college degree, which Webb has not. Therefore, he enrolls at Clemens University where the fun and fantasy occurs. 20th Century Fox, 85 minutes.

Tuesday, 9 May

ASPHALT JUNGLE—Sterling Hayden, Jean Hagen. No available information. MGM, 112 minutes.

Wednesday, 10 May

JOE PALOOKA MEETS HUMPHREY—Leon Errol, Joe Kirkwood. This item in the Joe Palooka series goes all out for laughs and collects a generous quota of same with a humorous account of the boxer's interrupted honeymoon and with a fight-ring finale played forthrightly for comedy. By and large, it figures to top its predecessors in point of audience satisfaction, and to add to the following the series has built up. Monogram, 65 minutes.

Thursday, 11 May

THE CAPTURE—Teresa Wright, Lew Ayres. This story tells about Lew Ayres, field boss for an American Oil Company in Mexico, who single-handedly captures Edwin Rand, suspected hi-jacker of the company payroll. Later on in the story Ayres finds out that Rand was not the man who did the job but he rights things by finding out the true person responsible for the robbery. RKO, 91 minutes.

Friday, 12 May

COMANCHE TERRITORY—Maureen O'Hara, MacDonald Carey. A somewhat original twist is added to this story, by the use of an historical personality, Jim Bowie, inventor of the famous bowie knife, as a peg for the story. Carey plays Bowie, and he is presented as a frontiersman who is sent by the U. S. Government into Indian territory to complete a treaty allowing the white man to dig for badly-needed silver. Universal, 76 minutes.

Saturday, 13 May

MAN FROM COLORADO—Glenn Ford, Ellen Drew. No available information. Columbia, 98 minutes.

McPherson: "What in the world makes your tongue so black?"

MacGregor: "I dropped a bottle of whiskey on a road that was freshly tarred."

Softballers Win League Opener

Knoll Golfers Bounce Back

Captain Vinnedge Leads 9-6 Victory

Oak Knoll golfers raised their season average to an even .500 on the afternoon of Thursday, 27 April, when they defeated a quintet from Naval Air Station, Oakland, 9 to 6, on the Lake Chabot course.

The meet was the first that Knollites have won. They tied Moffett Field two weeks ago, 7½ to 7½, and lost to Treasure Island last week, 14 to 1.

Captain K. H. Vinnedge continued to be the big gun in the Knollites' attack as he over-rode his opponent, McSpadden's, 88 with a point-sweeping 84 to raise his output for the three games to 6½ points. LTJG J. W. Cross continued as the hard-luck boy of the squad. In the three meets, he has an average of 82.66 but has been unable to register one mark on the point sheet.

LTJG J. H. Spence, by carding a 90 to his opponent's 94, raised his point output for the games to 5 and CDR Milton Kurzrok garnered 2½ points on an 84 to increase his to 4½.

Captain G. H. Ekblad, playing his first game for the Knollites, carded an 86 to take a point from his opponent's 83.

Low man in the meet was Waller, Cross' opponent, who toured the course in 79. Next was Cross with 82, who was followed by M. Smith and R. Thurman with 83 apiece.

Kurzrok Ahead in Base Net Tourney; 12th ND Tilt Set

With rain blanketing the tennis courts for the past week, playoffs to select the hospital champion have been postponed until next week.

At present, CDR Milton Kurzrok, mainstay on the golf team, is leading the field with two victories, having eliminated James Blain, HM3, and D. R. Sudbeck, HN. Blain was eliminated in the first round when Kurzrok downed him, 6-0, 6-1. After defeating D. C. Bailey, HA, 6-0, 6-2, Sudbeck was matched with Commander Kurzrok in the second round, but found the going too rough and succumbed by the score of 6-1, 6-0.

In first round play, J. C. Stevenson, HN, knocked Ron Randall, HA, out of the tourney by defeating him 7-5 and 6-3, and LTJG H. G. Fuller ended W. H. Vandiver's playing days by downing him 6-1 and 6-0.

The Fuller-Vandiver tilt was the fourth of the series that ended by the score of 6-1, 6-0, indicating that the final few games should be well-played, highly contested games.

Although the team that is to represent the hospital in 12th ND play has not been selected as yet, a game has been scheduled with NAS Oakland for Wednesday, 10 May at this station. The matches will begin at 1100. This will be the first test of both teams, and the decision could go either way.

Nurses Lose Practice Contest To Alameda Waves

In their first game of the year, the nurses of Oak Knoll were defeated by the Tidal Waves of Alameda 13 to 3, Thursday, 27 April on the Waves' field.

The pitcher for the Waves, Partridge, a former professional, had the nurses completely buffaloed, giving up only one hit and striking out 11 players in the five-inning contest. Partridge also got the longest hit of the game, a home run as she opened the fourth inning. LT. Frances R. Kissinger, pitcher for the Nurses, got the only hit given up by Partridge, a single in the top half of the fifth.

Kissinger, in the five innings, gave up nine hits, two of them going for doubles, besides Partridge's homer.

ENS G. H. Baldey, manager of the team, scored two of the three runs made by the locals. She got aboard on an error in the second, was sacrificed to second, stole third, and came home on a wild pitch. In the fourth, she made first via a walk, stole second and third, and was again wild-pitched home.

Behind 1 to 0 going into the second inning, the Tidal Waves lit on Kissinger for four runs on three hits to go into the lead. Three more were added in the third on two hits, and in the fourth, the Waves batted around to score six runs on four hits.

League play for the nurses begins on Wednesday, 10 May, when they tangle with the Camp Stoneman WACs on the local diamond. Game-time is set for 1830.

The 12th ND league for women is composed of six teams, the Nurses, Hamilton Field WACs, Camp Stoneman WACs, Treasure Island Waves, NAS, Alameda Waves, and Presidio WACs.

Weatherman Suiks; Base League Opening Delayed

Unable to play because no one asked him to join a team, the weatherman got sulky last week and prevented all of the teams in the hospital league from playing by pouring water, lots and lots of it, on the grounds during the night.

Play in the Intra-departmental league was to have opened on Monday, 1 May, when the CSR and Administration Building teams clashed, but because the rule book clearly states that a man must run, not swim, around bases, the game was postponed. Tuesday's game, between the CPOs and Civilians, and Wednesday's, between the Officers and N.P. staff, were also postponed for the same reasons.

A practice game was played between the CPOs and CSRs on Wednesday afternoon by way of testing the grounds. Although they'd defeated the CPOs twice before, the CSRs were humbled handily in that game 10 to 4, on Turner's poor control, errors, and Hoffman's grand-slam homer in the fourth.

Games this week, if the weather god can be appeased, will be played between Civilians and Officers on Monday, Administration Building

PacResFleet Victims Of Win

Led by Claude Johnson's home run in the last half of the sixth inning, Oak Knoll's softball team went on to score two more runs and win an 11 to 8 victory over the San Francisco Group of Pacific Reserve Fleet in the first league encounter Friday afternoon, 28 April.

Johnson's blow came in the last half of the sixth with one down. It traveled on a line to the hillside in almost dead-centerfield, hitting about 10 feet up. Weitz' second single, Lindblad's triple, and an infield out scored the other two runs and gave the Pirates an 11 to 6 lead to work the final inning.

The wildness of the game (19 hits and 10 errors were made in the 7-inning game), was indicated in the first inning when the first five Bucs scored on four hits, a fielder's choice, and an infield out. Three runs were scored by the Reservists in their half of the second on two walks, an error, and a double by Elliott, their left fielder.

In the bottom half of the third, Bussey, starting pitcher for the losers, walked the first two men to face him and was relieved by Bliven, right fielder. Without a moment's hesitation, Blivens struck out the side and in the following inning, struck it out again. The Pirates caught onto his fast offerings in the fifth, and scored two runs on two singles and Diehl's double to prove him hittable.

Big stick for the Reservists was wielded by a substitute right fielder, Kingland, who took Blivin's place in that pasture when Bussey was relieved. In two trips to the plate, Kingland caught one of Lindblad's serves each time to drive in two runs and cause the Bucs plenty of misery.

Two successive singles in the top half of the seventh threatened to turn the tide to the visitor's favor, but with a five-run advantage the Pirates concentrated on getting the batter out. The strategy worked and although the two men scored, the batters were retired in order to end the game.

SFG, PacResFleet	Oak Knoll
ABHR OA	ABHR OA
Elliott, lf, 5 1 0 1 0	Zieleh, lf, 4 2 1 0 0
Rowe, lb, 3 0 1 6 0	Lyons, ss, 3 0 1 1 0
Day, 3b, 1 0 1 1 0	McComas, 3b, 4 2 1 3 0
Perry, cf, 3 1 0 1 0	Bliven, rf, 4 1 1 0 7
Bliven, rf, 4 1 1 0 7	J'hns'n, c, 3 1 2 5 0
Wilson, c, 3 1 2 8 1	Weitz, lf, 4 2 2 1 0
Schwartz, ss, 2 0 2 1 1	Lindblad, p, 3 2 0 0 3
Scott, 2b, 4 0 0 0 1	Sellers, 2b, 3 0 2 1 1
Bussey, p, 1 0 1 0 1	Sumner, 1 3 1 0 0 1
Kingld, rf, 2 2 0 0 0	cf, 3 2 1 0 0
*Nabors, 1 0 0 0 0	Diehl, rf, 3 1 1 0 0
**Garcia, 1 0 0 0 0	
***Gittens 1 1 0 0 0	
****Engell 0 0 0 0 0	

*Grounded out for Schwartz in 7th
**Grounded out for Scott in 7th
***Singled for Kingland in 7th
****Ran for Gittens in 7th

Oak Knoll 5 1 0 0 2 3 8-11
Hits 4 1 0 1 3 3 8-11
PacResFleet 1 3 1 0 0 1 2-3
Hits 1 1 0 1 0 1 5-7

"Tis ma birthday, Jeanie," exclaimed the Scotsman. "So hang the expense and give the canary another seed."

and CPOs on Tuesday, and CSR and N.P. Staff on Wednesday. Thursday the Officers and AdMen will meet for the first time, and Friday will find the CSRs and Civilians arguing causes.



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 13 May, 1950

Another Birthday, The Forty-Second, For The U. S. Navy Nurse Corps



Forty-two years ago today—13 May, 1908—President Taft signed the bill that established the Nurse Corps as an integral part of the Navy. The Corps at that time consisted of a superintendent, a chief nurse, and 18 other nurses. In World War II, when the Navy Nurse census reached its peak, there were 11,054 trained, commissioned nurses on active duty throughout the world.

Today at Oak Knoll 139 nurses will report for their various duties throughout the hospital, celebrating on the job the forty-second anniversary of their corps. A few of them, nearly as many as originally made up the entire Navy Nurse corps are pictured here. (1) LT Dorothy Greenburger, on duty in the Dependent Service, "sizes up" a small patient. (2) CDR Rosalia Jorgenson, Senior Nurse Corps Officer (seated) and her assistants, LT Pearl Houska and LT Marie B. Goldthwaite take time out from supervisory duties to pose for the photographer. (3) At quarters nurses find time to relax—this time around the piano. In the group, left to right, are Ensigns Delores N. Ryan, Lillis L. Stoops, and Florence E. Farrell, Lieutenants Inez Watson and Josephine Casares. (4) ENS Norma L. Bassett and LT Mary E. Young, surgical nurses, inspect a Stryker saw to be used in orthopedic surgery. The happy lieutenant in photo (5) is Eddy L. Harris, who is preparing equipment for a bronchoscopy. (6) LT Viola B. Banks takes a dependent patient's blood pressure, while ENS Anne Ruane records it. (7) Nurses have an opportunity for domesticity, as each decorates her room to her own taste, and judging by this picture Miss Casares' taste is good. (8) Appetites are good; so is food at Nurses' Mess. (9) ENS Viola Krisko, on duty at the blood bank, is busy preparing needles for the next "drawing."

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Coinciding with the 42nd anniversary of the Nurse Corps was the American Nurses Association's biennial convention in San Francisco this week, when Oak Knoll nurses had charge of an information booth which displayed pictures showing various billets open to Navy Nurses and the many opportunities the service offers for recreation and travel. LTJG Rosemary Neville and ENS Dorothy J. Vennerloh were in charge of the booth, dispensing information and handing out souvenirs of the Nurse Corps to visiting nurses.

On Tuesday morning 13 Oak Knoll nurses attended the NC breakfast at the Marines' Memorial Club. In the group were CDR Jorgenson, LT's Kouska, Casares, Helen P. Steve, Angelica Vitillo, Katherine Loughman, Pauline Bargion, Inez Watson, Helen Grater, Edly Warner, LTJG's Marguerite Johnson, Elizabeth Clark, and ENS Farrell.

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A "Well Done" For the Staff of 66A

1255 - 33rd Avenue
San Francisco, California
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Commanding Officer
U. S. Naval Hospital
Oakland California
Sir:

It was my privilege very recently to receive treatment and hospitalization at Oakland for a condition which had proved difficult of diagnosis by civilian practitioners I had consulted. The speed and professional efficiency with which your staff came up with the correct answer was gratifying to me and is believed well worthy of my deepest appreciation.

I wish particularly to thank through you, Doctors Cuttle and Slater and their aides in Ward 66. Their extreme personal interest in each patient, plus their very apparent efficiency created a feeling of confidence which was a potent tonic in itself.

I am, Sir,

MILTON DeMILT
Lieut. Comdr., U.S.N. (Ret.)

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

In paying tribute to motherhood on 14 May and in the observance of Armed Forces Week from 14-21 May, we are recognizing two areas most vital to the peace and security of the world. It is generally conceded that a strong United States is the only possible hope we have for avoiding another war. Should another war come despite our efforts to preserve the peace, the preservation of our whole way of life may well depend upon how strong we really are. Strength cannot be measured in terms of the amount and calibre of arms, important though they are, but in the quality of the men who wield them and the general strength of character of every man, woman and child who make up our total population. Though many functions have now been taken out of the home that once belonged to it, it is still the primary builder of character. The security, love and general moral training of a good home have found no adequate substitute even in our so-called super modern age. Congress can pass the laws that keep our military forces big and our weapons up to date, but parents, especially mothers, make the kind of men upon whom the real security of our nation depends in peace or war. The mother who puts the stability of her home, the love, care and moral training of her children above her own selfish pursuits is contributing to the inner strength of the nation. Improving the calibre of our citizens is a labor of love that begins in the home. To the mothers who have met this responsibility with courage and devotion, we owe our past successes. Upon those who have failed in the home, we can lay the blame for many of the weaknesses that cause us concern.

In keeping with the spirit of the special significance of the week, then, Hail to the men in uniform who stand ready to defend us! Hail to the women who have given us the men upon whom we can depend!

—ROBERT F. McCOMAS
Chaplain, USN

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Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.



Dr. Emile F. Holman (fourth from left), Professor of Surgery at Stanford University Medical School, delivered Tuesday night's lecture in the current Basic Science Course for medical officers under instruction. The well-known heart surgeon's subject was "The Recognition and Treatment of Constrictive Pericarditis." Staff surgeons photographed with Dr. Holman are, left to right, Captains Otto W. Wickstrom, Harold J. Chapman, A. C. Hohn, E. H. Dickinson, Milton R. Wirthlin, George F. Blodgett and A. C. Abernethy.

Red Cross Ramblings

SPECIAL DANCE MAY 18TH. A birthday party will be the highlight of the month's activities in the Red Cross lounge. Thursday evening, May 18th, a special party will honor all those who have their birthdays in May. Gay decorations, plenty of hostesses and good music will be featured on this occasion. In fact, it should be a super-duper affair.

WRESTLING TEAM COMING! The University of California has presented its tumbling team, its Olympic crew team, and now will present the wrestling team. This event is scheduled for Monday evening, May 15th, at the Red Cross recreation lounge, building 102. See you there!

CHESS CLUB CALENDAR. Patients and staff have made two trips to the Presidio, winning one chess match and losing the other by a close margin. Letterman Hospital was scheduled to make a return visit to Oak Knoll Thursday.

A tentative chess date with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company team has been scheduled for next Thursday evening, May 18. Any of these matches are tough competition, so we need a formidable turnout to beat these experts. Watch for signs to inform you where these matches will be held.

Gordon McKeever, SN, 49B, reached the ripe old age of twenty last Sunday but celebrated the occasion on Saturday. The Red Cross staff worker brought a birthday cake and LT Rysik, nurse on the ward, took charge of the party arrangements. Here's wishing you a wonderful year ahead, McKeever!

Bert Dixon, SN, from 48A, is going great guns in the ceramic department of the Red Cross craft shop. He's just started in this particular hobby but is doing so well he'll probably have a whole set of dishes done before long.

Ship models are more popular than ever as a craft hobby. For instance, the "Queen Mary" luxury liner has terrific possibilities and is really something when completed. The craft shop is also setting up small looms

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

30 April

BROWN, Vincent Xavier Maximilian, to wife of Jewell Brown, SK3, 3 pounds, 9 ounces.

1 May

BAUMLEY, Clara Jeanette, to wife of Frank Baumley, CS1, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

CHUN, William Stanley, to wife of William Chun, AD2, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

STEVENS, Georgia Linton, to wife of Thomas Stevens, 1stLT, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

2 May

ROSS, Mary Louise, to wife of John Ross, LCDR, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

CARPENTER, John Ross, to wife of John Carpenter, ENS, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

OHSIEK, Deborah Jeanne, to wife of Robert Ohsiek, LTJG, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

3 May

COLWELL, Nancy Elizabeth, to wife of Alva Colwell, AD2, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

FITTS, Baby Girl, to wife of Emory Fitts, TN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

4 May

HOCHENDORER, Christine Ingrid, to wife of Ralph Hochendorer, 1stLT, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

SAYERS, John Nelson, Jr., to wife of John Sayers, LCDR, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

MURPHY, Baby Boy, to wife of Frances M. Murphy, AD1, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

BACON, Kirk Edward, to wife of Lewis M. Bacon, ETSN, 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

LE BEAU, Susan Marie, to wife of Donald Le Beau, AL2, 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

LESTER, Norman Eugene, Jr., to wife of Norman Lester, FN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

WRIGHT, Sara Nelle, to wife of Charles Wright, AMC, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

GARNER, Lon Robert, to wife of George Garner, BM1, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

5 May

SMITH, Vernon Charles, to wife of Vernon Smith, BM1, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

TYSON, Linda Marie, to wife of George Tyson, PN2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

ERWIN, Sharon Jean, to wife of Charles Erwin, GMC, 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

6 May

HARRIS, Zanda Lorraine, to wife of Loren Harris, GM2, 4 pounds, 12 ounces.

CHUBB, Sharon Gale, to wife of Chubb, SN, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

DAVID, James Greenwood, to wife of Floyd David, LCDR, 6 pounds, 8½ ounces.

GUTHRIE, Richard Alan, to wife of Richard Guthrie, GM1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

for bed patients. Scottish clan woolen scarfs and a new type of dinner place mat may be made on these looms. Ingenious James Harrington, veteran patient on 54, thought up a new type of gift in the craft shop. Utilizing his knowledge of copper work and carpentry, Harrington made a tight little box of good proportions of scrap wood with a redwood bottom. Then he covered the sides and ends with tooled copper, fastened with copper studs. This lovely box was made as a Mother's Day gift for this mother to use as a decorative house plant container, a very effective and most beautiful gift.

Who's Who...

Dewitt Sullivan, HN, of 70B, is one man who likes his sports—football, wrestling, track, and baseball, the last two being special favorites, since he earned letters in both in his high school.

Sullivan comes from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he attended high school before enlisting in the Navy in September, 1948.

Over the usual San Diego preliminaries, he was sent to Mare Island for duty before coming to Oak Knoll on 21 February of this year.



Winner of 13 letters for his sports prowess in high school, **Paul I. Harmer**, HM3, was one of the mainstays of the basketball team of Mare Island during the '49-'50 campaign, and was one of the five reasons that Mare Island took the second game from the Pirates.

Although Marysville, Kansas, is his hometown, he enlisted in Kansas City on 29 September, 1946. After Neuropsychiatric training, Harmer was sent to Mare Island for duty and remained there until being transferred here on 7 March. He is currently working in the clerical office on 51A and playing softball for the N.P.'s team.

Unable to buy a radio because of an acute shortage of funds, **Frank Alarcon**, HN, on galley duty on 46A and B, decided to build one so he could listen to Captain Midnight, his hero.

He did, too, using some 20 hours of his spare time to assemble a modern edition of Marconi's masterpiece.

Alarcon was born in El Paso, Texas and enlisted there on 16 February, 1948, after completing high school and working in a service station. He reported aboard this compound in August of 1948 and since finishing his radio, has spent his spare time in sleeping and loafing.



One of the fondest hopes of **Billy L. Moore**, HA, in 41A's galley, is to see the St. Louis Cards take this year's World Series, if possible. By the "if possible" he is supposed to mean if they can even get in the series, which is highly doubtful. But, everyone to his wishes.



Bill was born in Atoka, Oklahoma, where he still lives, but enlisted in Oklahoma City when his mind was made up on 5 November, 1947. He arrived here on 25 April, 1948.

Armed Forces to Be On Display May 20, 21

Hospital to Hold Open House Saturday

Flag-bedecked Main Street, USA, will echo to the sounds of marching feet and roaring planes as proud and grateful citizens pay sincere tribute to their fighting sons and daughters Saturday, 20 May, the nation's first Armed Forces Day.

Thousands of representatives of military, veteran and civic groups will march to the stirring strains of martial music; the Stars and Stripes will be displayed in countless homes and business houses; Service installations will conduct "open house" and, in general, the slogan, "Teamed for Defense," will become a national byword.

Heretofore, each branch of Service was honored on its own day. Now, to demonstrate their strength in unity, the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, and the civilian components thereof will show the people of America and the rest of the world that they are, truly, "Teamed for Defense."

Oak Knoll will observe Armed Forces Day by holding open house Saturday, 20 May, from 1100 to 1630. Twenty Hospital Corpsmen will be on duty as guides, escorting visitors over the compound, to all major points of interest including the Crew's library, Dental Clinic, Physiotherapy, X-Ray, Laboratory, Brace Shop, Cast Room, Orthopedic Wards, Commissary, Community Service Building, Red Cross Lounge and Craft Shop. At the parking lot opposite the library a fully equipped ambulance will be on display, and at the same location visitors will have an opportunity to see the hospital's Emergency Surgical Disaster Unit.

Busses will run at intervals, and from the Commissary bus terminal, they will tour the compound for a scenic view from the rear of Buildings 28 and 83.

Refreshments will be served in SOQ Mess Hall during open house.

LCDR Alexander Bowdle, Finance Officer, is in charge of all arrangements for Armed Forces Day at the Hospital.

On Sunday the Disaster Unit and Ambulance will be moved to the Naval Supply Center, Oakland, to serve as part of the display for that activity's open house.

A party of tourists in Arizona came upon an Indian brave riding a pony while his squaw walked beside him. "Why doesn't the woman ride?" "She no got pony."

Physical examiner: "Any scars on you?"

Recruit: "No, sir, but I have some cigarettes in my coat."

Passer-by (to motorist by side of road): "Have a puncture?"

Motorist: "No, thanks. Just had one."



Grand prize in the Navy Relief Drawing, to be held at a carnival at Naval Air Station, Alameda, during the first week of June, is shown as it stopped here Monday to show personnel of Oak Knoll just what they stand to win if they buy tickets for Navy Relief. The Lincoln and other valuable prizes will be given away 3 June at Alameda. Win or not, you can't lose because half of all money goes into Navy Relief funds.

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

WITH TOM CAT

It's all over now. No longer can I watch the faces as they read this column and mutter something like this, "I wish I knew who writes this stuff!! I'd kick his teeth in." Now, if anyone has a hankerin' to loosen some teeth, just see the Editor. If he runs too fast, I'll be around.

Things that curl: What's this? Why, Tex Bostwick's hair, of course, Gee, I wish I had a goil that owned a Beauty Salon. What's the charge for finger waves, Tex?

Besides all this, skivvies must be expensive these days. Or is it that all of Tamborski's are holey?

There's a certain "marriage twinkle" in a certain little woman's eyes for G. A. Wright of our Allergy clinic. Ah, the power of women.

What's the study of arthrology? Ask Deen, he knows now. But a few classes back he replied, "Ah...uh... the study of arteries?" Don't be embarrassed, my boy, I bet'ja you weren't alone with that version.

Is anyone interested in an Enlisted Men's Club? Well, my friends, keep the place shipshape and see that your name is kept off the "Award List" and you'll discover a club is not a 2000 A.D. affair. Take my word for it.

A wonderful idea: Two men to a cel (I mean cubicle). Could this happen in the near future? It's up to you guys. This does not include the crumbs.

Good News: Smeltser on two weeks' leave.

A new face aboard is that of C. E. Polk, hash mark and all. Those who have loud and frequent groans for discharge may take it from C.E. that the bread lines are l-o-n-g.

Latest dirt. Some one, a new face, has been doing all right in "pinochle" lately. Not mentioning any names, but, have you heard of the old squeeze play?

For \$1, a Lincoln If You're Lucky

This hospital's annual drive for Navy Relief funds got under way Monday when Chaplain R. F. McComas, chairman, announced his committee of salesmen and handed out books of tickets for the Naval Air Station benefit. Half of all proceeds will go to Navy relief.

Grand prize this year is a shiny new Lincoln six-passenger coupe. Dozens of other valuable prizes are slated to go to the holders of lucky numbers to be drawn on 3 June, last night of the big NAS Alameda Carnival. Twenty thousand dollars worth of prizes were given away last year, and an equal amount was added to Navy Relief funds as a result of the benefit and carnival.

Of the 24 doctors, nurses, enlisted men, and civilian workers appointed to the committee, L. F. Betoney, HMC, was leading the field Thursday, having already sold 40 tickets.

Other members of the committee are LT Robert O. Harrison, LTJG John F. Test, LTJG William W. McKinley, LTJG Rex C. Belisle, LTJG Stratton R. Easter, LTJG Marion G. Peterson, LTJG Louis E. Ellis, LT Helen Grater, ENS Geraldine Baldey, ENS Patricia Roe, ENS Dorothy Iverson, ENS Ruth Cunha, William M. Hendry, HMC, A. L. Boucha, HN, W. S. Drummonds, Jr., HN, D. B. Summerlin, HN, T. R. Forrest, HA, G. Zilch, HA, Miss Marie Adams, Mr. T. R. Newsom, Mrs. Viola Wise, and Mr. A. L. Smedberg.

Prizes will be awarded to those selling the most tickets, and a special one will go to the person who sells the winning ticket.

There's a big deal brewing around these parts. I can't say much, but don't be surprised if you see a startling sight on the night of 16 May.

Note to Wiley: How about lending your cartooning ability to the Oak Leaf, wheel? Or will it take too much of your valuable time?

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Welcome and Farewell

While 12 persons were being transferred to this base during the week of 3 to 10 May, only one was detached. Hertha L. Hein, HN, W, went to the Naval Dispensary at 50 Fell St., San Francisco.

Those coming aboard were LT Ellen E. Jacobi, LT Thelma B. Hase, ENS Charlotte L. Blythe, and LTJG Robert B. Meek, all from USNH, Mare Island; LT Marion E. Van Horne, from the USS General H. W. Butner; Donald V. Johnston, HN, from NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; Clifford G. Polk, HN, from Naval Receiving Station, Treasure Island; Barbara L. Hopkins, HM3, W, from patient status; Evelyn Regalia, HN, W, from USNH, Bremerton, Washington; and from USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Kenneth E. Irrgang, HN, Cornelius A. Baughn, and William R. O'Brien, HN.

Officers Lead League; AdMen, CSRs Upset

On the strength of tricky pitching and timely hitting, the Officers gained the top of the Intra-Departmental Softball League by knocking off the N.P. Techs Thursday, 4 May, 8 to 6, and the Civilians Monday, 8 May, 17 to 4.

The CPO's, by knocking over a favored Administration Building team Tuesday, 13 to 8, took over second spot with a 1 to 0 record, half a game behind the leaders. The N.P.'s bounced back from the defeat given them by the Officers to chill the AdMen Friday, 5 May, 22 to 11 and the CSRs Wednesday, 10 May, 11-6 to technically tie for second place by also being only one-half game out of first.

The first game of the season, Officers vs. N.P.'s, was also one of the best to watch, the game being decided on hitting instead of walks and errors, which were the major factors in the other games. Sixty-one walks have been given up in the five games to date, with 40 errors aiding in paving the way to stratospherical scores.

M. H. Myers, manager and pitcher for the N.P.'s, was the first player to

Pirates Lose; Peons Win Second DistStaff HQS Lose 13 to 6 Tilt

Mare Island Gets Bucs on Shutoff

Behind the two-hit pitching of Ed Paulk, the Mare Island baseball team walked over the Pirates of Oak Knoll Wednesday afternoon 10 to 0 to push the Pirates into a won 2, lost 2 category in the 12ND play.

Paulk's no-hitter was ruined in the last half of the fifth inning by his rival pitcher, Steve Tamborski, who lined a grass-cutting single into center field. The life was short-lived, though, as Bob Worsham, center fielder, followed with a double play ball to the shortstop.

W. O. Stephens, second sacker for the Bucs, made the first unassisted double play of the infant season. In the first of the seventh, he leaped high into the air to pull down a line drive and then doubled the runner off first by tagging him.

Second hit of the game for the Bucs came from the bat of Jimmy Faulkner, pinch-hitting for Worsham in the last half of the seventh inning. He caught the ball on the end of his bat and sent a slow roller down the third base line which he beat to first for the bingle.

George Schroder, first sacker, was credited with the defeat. He began the game on the mound for the Bucs, but after filling the bases with no one out, he gave way to Tamborski, who let in the three runs before retiring the side.

Claude Johnson, left fielder, was robbed of a sure double in the fourth when he caught a fast ball on the nose and sent it deep into left field, only to see it chased and caught by John McBride, the Islanders' left fielder. But justice came in the sixth when McBride sent one onto the hillside in center field. Johnson raced over, picked it up, and threw to Worsham, who relayed it into the plate to catch McBride easily.

connect for a home run in the new league, driving one out in the third inning of the Ad Building game with one aboard. H. H. Mass, manager of the AdMen, and C. H. Pressley, fielder for the CSR team, also drove out homers; Mass in the second inning of the CPO game, and Pressley in the fourth inning of the N.P. tilt.

The N.P.'s completely dominate the batting scene, hitting the apple for a .421 clip in the three games they've played. D. E. Storms, left fielder for the N.P.'s, leads in the personal batting race with an average of .800, and is tied in the RBI column with Paul Harmer, also of the N.P.'s with six apiece.

Next week will find several records going to the block. Monday will find the battle for second spot on, as the N.P.'s tangle with the CPO's. Tuesday, the AdMen and Civilians will meet and Wednesday the CPO's (if they win Monday) will try to oust the Officers from first spot. Thursday, the Civilians and N.P.'s meet for the first time, and Friday, the CSRs will attempt to gain the victory trail when they meet the Officers.

Net Team Wins Two Kurzok, Mathews In Finals of Tourney

Oak Knoll's tennis team took two singles and one doubles game from Mare Island Friday, 5 May, to annex their first 12ND league game, the first they've played as a team, 10 to 3.

In the first encounter of the day, Mathews took on LTJG Dowd and defeated him in two of three games, 6-4, 2-6, and 10-8. Fuller followed in the second by defeating ENS Simpson in two tilts, 6-1, and 6-0. Lone defeat suffered by Oak Knoll came in the third singles contest when LTJG S. R. Easter was defeated by LTJG Doyle 1-6, 1-6.

Doyle and LTJG Fries felt the sting of Fuller and Mathews in the doubles game, the deciding issue. The locals took the first game 8 to 6, but were set back in the following, 6 to 4. The final game went to the Knollites, 6 to 3.

In the hospital tourney, CDR Milton Kurzrok advanced another step nearer the crown by eliminating LT JG H. G. Fuller, 6-0, 6-0, to enter the finals. The other finalist has yet to be decided with the Mathews-Burnett semifinal tilt still to be played.

The tennis team of Oak Knoll made it two straight in 12ND league competition Wednesday morning by turning back a strong team from NAS, Oakland, 7 to 6 by virtue of a 6-4, 6-3 win in the doubles matches. CDR Milton Kurzrok and E. H. Mathews, opponents in the finals of the station tennis tourney, teamed up in the doubles to provide the Knollites with victory over the efforts of F. T. Hayman and J. H. Gleason.

Going into the doubles, the NAS players were leading the match, by reason of W. L. North's win over LTJG H. G. Fuller, 6-4, 6-4, and Gleason's win over Easter 6-2, 6-2. Mathews was the only member of the Knollite's squad to win his singles game, going the route to dispatch L. A. Miller 6-3, 3-6, 1-6 in a marathon contest which saw the game deuced 12 times.

The Mathews-Burnett semifinal match to decide the finalist to oppose Kurzrok was played Wednesday morning, with Mathews coming out on the long end of a 6-0, 6-0 score. Mathews and Kurzrok will play off this week to decide the champion of this base.

Dr. Cross Scores! Golf Team Wins, Too

With LTJG J. W. Cross making his debut in the scoring column, the Oak Knoll golfers overrode all opposition from the Treasure Island Marines to post their second straight win Thursday, 4 May, with a score of 12½ to 2½.

The meet was the first in which Dr. Cross didn't have his private grem-lin along to give his opponent a lower score and all three points; this time he carried horseshoes, rabbits' feet, and four-leaf clovers to card an 83 and sweep all three points from A. Garcia's 89.

The individual scoring race for the team was thrown into a three way tie

Oak Knoll's softball team, heretofore called the Pirates, decided this week to take a name of their own, the one they used while winning the City League Championship last year. They will therefore be known henceforth as the Peons.

And by way of christening the new name, these selfsame Peons scored their second straight victory in 12ND play by downing District Staff Headquarters, 13 to 6, on the local diamond Wednesday afternoon.

Big Oscar Lindblad chalked up his second win, giving up nine hits, but walking only one and striking out five in the seven-inning contest.

Wildness on the part of Al Nettle, pitcher for the DistStaff's was one of the major factors in the defeat as he gave 15 free passes, three of them bringing in runs. Seven of the Peons were left standing at the plate watching his third left-handed strike go by.

Tom Clark, center fielder, provided the first run of the game by tagging one of Lindblad's offerings to the far corner of the field for a home run with the bags empty. In the fourth, Dick Fisher, first sacker, connected with another one with one man on to close out the scoring.

Gerald Zilch, first baseman for the Peons, continued to bat at an amazing clip, getting two for three to boost his average to .571. During his seven trips to the plate, Zilch has scored five times. Bill Sellers, second base, and Lindblad, each sporting one of the weakest averages on the team, continue to lead the RBI column with four apiece.

Lone extra base blow of the game for the Peons came from the stick of Bobby Diehl, right fielder, who pounded a double into right field in the first inning to drive in Robert Glass.

Next league encounter for the Peons is with the San Francisco Marines on their diamond.

DistStaffHdqts.	100	500	0
Hits	211	500	0
Oak Knoll	511	024	x
Hits	301	011	x

Batteries: Nettle, Graff, Gilbreath.

Lindblad, Johnson.

at the meet, CDR Milton Kurzrok and LTJG J. H. Spence, by scoring three and two and a half points respectively, caught up to the previous leader, Captain K. H. Vinnedge, when he was held to one point by his opponent, B. Cogsdell. Each of the three now have 7½ points.

Captain G. H. Ekblad followed Cross in the low score of the game, by scoring an 84 against his opponent, G. Tover, to sweep the points from him, and raise his own to an even four for the two games he has played to date.

The meet gives the Knollites a season's record of two wins, one defeat, and one tie, the two wins from the Marines and NAS, Oakland, the defeat at the hands of the strong Treasure Island aggregation, and the tie with the equally strong Moffett Field five.



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Navy A Symbol Of Sea Power; 175 Years Old

By Armed Forces Press Service

The United States Navy looks back on 175 years of progress. From its conception in 1775, to the present day, the Navy has advanced to become the world's largest and most powerful sea force.

During the Revolutionary War our Fleet consisted mainly of some 2,000 individual commanders and privateers who dauntlessly sailed into British waters and attacked merchant shipping. However, successful fighting was largely made possible by the allied French fleet. At the termination of the war the U. S. Navy practically disappeared.

Six years later, harassed by French merchantmen and Barbary pirates, Congress voted for naval re-establishment. The Navy Department was formed in 1798, and immediately ordered action against the buccanering state of Tripoli. New prestige was gained by our Navy at the successful conclusion of the Mediterranean wars.

When the War of 1812 broke out, the Fleet was bolstered by 16 battle-ships. In addition to heroic sea battles, the Navy moved inland and won glowing victories on the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain. It was after this war that the administration decided on a policy of maintaining a strong Navy.

When the North and South became embroiled in the Civil War, the Navy began to undergo radical changes. Armor-plated ships, steam power, submarines, and powerful new-type cannon brought about many changes in naval warfare. But even after the Civil War, the Navy was seventh in world strength, having 700 vessels. By 1891, hardly one ship was seaworthy, most vessels decaying due to their armor-plated wood construction. All-steel ships became the goal.

Our position as a world sea-power was confirmed in 1898 when Commodore George Dewey defeated the Spanish Fleet at Manila Bay without the loss of a single American sailor.

The Navy crowned its glory in the trying years of World War II. Tremendous convoys were conducted with minimum loss; large-scale landing operations were executed successfully, and vicious sea battles whittled down the enemy's naval and merchant shipping to nothingness.



Mutual love of liberty and hatred of oppression united in spirit men of the various branches of our armed forces long before they were joined by governmental decree. Today, directed by the Department of Defense, they continue to stand shoulder to shoulder, backed by the colors, literally teamed for defense.



Rear Admiral Bertram J. Rodgers, USN, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, came to Oak Knoll Tuesday to accompany the Commanding Officer on his regular work inspection. This was his first visit to the hospital since he assumed command of the Twelfth Naval District the first of February. The Admiral, a veteran of campaigns in the Aleutians, Southern France, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, was in command of Pacific Amphibious Forces for two years before being assigned to duty as COM 12.

Public Invited To See Hospital Facilities Today

Today throughout the nation, service organizations, business, industry, and civilian groups are interrupting their usual routines to pay tribute to the Armed Forces—the servants and protectors of our country.

In return, all military stations are opening their gates to visitors, and many have planned spectacular parades and exhibits to give the general public an opportunity to evaluate their country's defenses.

Here at Oak Knoll work will go on as usual except that from 1100 to 1630 hospital gates will be open to the public. Visitors will be escorted over the compound by hospital men in whites. Included in the itinerary for those who come aboard will be the Crew's Library, Dental Clinic, Physiotherapy, X-Ray, Laboratory, Brace Shop, Cast Room, Orthopedic Wards, Commissary, Community Service Building, Red Cross Lounge and Craft Shop.

Of special interest will be the fully-equipped Emergency Surgical Disaster Unit, which is maintained at Oak Knoll. Busses will carry visitors to various tour terminals and to view points overlooking the hospital. Coffee and cookies will be served in the SOQ Mess hall to all visitors.

LCDR Alexander Bowdle, Finance Officer, is handling arrangements for the hospital's observance of Armed Forces Day.

Dr. Dirstine, Mr. Gross Are Champ Commuters

Civilians like working at Oak Knoll. At any rate that is the conclusion to be drawn from travel statistics obtained this week from Dr. Philip H. Dirstine, biochemist, and William P. Gross of Public Works. Dirstine, until recently, commuted from Saratoga but recently moved to Santa Clara so that he wouldn't have so far to drive. Now living 38 miles from the hospital, he spends 55 to 60 minutes en route to the hospital and the same time going home. Gross travels from Mill Valley every day—a round trip of 60 miles.

For proximity, Ella Burr of Civilian Personnel has the record. As the crow flies, she lives about a tenth of a mile from her office. By car it is four minutes to the time clock from her home on St. Andrews Road overlooking the hospital.

The Oak Leaf

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What Is A Sailor?

"A SAILOR is a guy who is worked too hard, gets too little sleep, takes verbal abuse no civilian would take, does every imaginable kind of job at any imaginable hour, never seems to get paid, never knows where he's going, can seldom tell where he's been—yet accepts the worst with complete resignation, and last but not least he really kinda likes it! You know why?—When you're dog tired, been up since 4 a.m. working like hell all day, and about to hit your sack at 8 p.m., a voice shouts "Turn to on a work detail!" Then you unload a ship's cargo of perishable refrigerated foods.—You are ready to die by 2 a.m., but the job must be finished before dawn.—Soon you don't care if you live or die and suddenly, you're a sailor, it's over, and you did it and you think of all the people you know and how they would react under the circumstances and you begin to grin. You grin because you ain't scared of nothing, and it is a fact that there is no ordeal you can't face—and you know it!"

—from a sailor's letter.
(Reprinted from All Hands)

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

To most of us, expressions such as "apple polishing," "snowing 'em," are just expressions which take the place of flattery. We think flattery is a trivial fault. I guess the come-back for it, ironically speaking, could be, "you just say that because you know it's true." People who have had the experience of years in the service know when others are "apple polishing."

The Bible is specific in warning against flattery; and when we reflect, we realize it is indicative of a carelessness about truth that is grave indeed. A just estimate of others, sincere admiration, constructive criticism—these are attributes of truthful thinking.

"As silver is tried in the fining-pot, and gold in the furnace: so a man is tried by the mouth of him that praiseth." (Proverbs 27:21)

"He that rebuketh a man, shall afterward find favor with him, more than he that by a flattering tongue, deceiveth him." (Proverbs 28:23)

"A prince that gladly beareth lying words, hath all his servants wicked." (Proverbs 29:12)

"It is better to be rebuked by a wise man, than to be deceived by the flattery of fools . . ." (Ecclesiastes 7:6)

"For neither have we used, at any time, the speech of flattery, as you know; nor taken an occasion of covetousness, God is witness." (I Thessalonians, 2:5)

FRANCIS JOHN KLASS, LCDR, CHC, USN

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:

Chaplain—Robert F. McComas

Sunday—

Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.

The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:

Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:

Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:

Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

TOOT! TOOT!

The Model Railroad Club is beginning to develop here at the hospital, and the junction point is 42B Frank Hren, AD1, and Corporal Tom Hopkins on this ward are trainmen in this new hobby, both getting set to build model railroad cars.

Mr. Alfred Andreson of Alameda will bring his track and engine out on Wednesday evening to 42B and return every Wednesday evening to assist the neophyte model builders. Mr. Andreson is an expert at this hobby and is eager to have others enjoy it with him.

CHESS NUT WINNERS!

When the Letterman General Hospital chess club visited here last Thursday evening, Oak Knoll chess players battled it out with them and won 13 to 3. Pfc. R. Imbeau, Corporal G. Gargas, Corporal N. Pastilyak, Pfc. R. Ryan, Chief Eustace, Chief Brandon, John Linn, FA, and Corporal Jim Packer played the visiting team, Chief Eustace and Corporal Packer emerging as high point players.

The next chess match will be with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, a team which reputedly plays an interesting and strong game. Even a beginner gets valuable practice at these meets, and it is a real challenge to expert players to work for a win game. These matches are usually held on Wednesday evening in the Red Cross lounge but are occasionally scheduled for Thursday evening. So watch for announcements regarding time and place so you can plan to be present.

PLATTER CHATTER

Patients on 41A had a good time Thursday evening recording original messages, poetry and music. Those who didn't participate enjoyed listening to those who did. Some patients recorded personal messages to send home; others did a more entertaining type of platter. J. Van Elswik, veteran, did a clever poetry recording. L. R. Lehman, SN, and David Bredell, veteran, recorded excellent musical arrangements. As if you didn't know, the recorder is available every afternoon at the Red Cross lounge. A Father's Day message might be fun.

BELL RINGERS

An unusual type of program was presented on 71B Friday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper from San Leandro presented a part of their bell collection, with a demonstration of music that was beautiful to hear. Over a period of ten years, the Coopers have collected a thousand bells from all over the world. During the last five years, they have played these bells before many audiences. Familiar, delightful tunes practically sparkled as each player deftly picked up and laid down, in rapidity, the various bells. Mr. Cooper's particular claim to fame is his musical limestone rocks on which he played such tunes as "Rock of Ages" and "The Old Spinning Wheel." These limestone slabs, found in the mountains of Southern California, by trial and error were eventually arranged into a very fine-toned musical instrument. We are looking forward to another visit from the Coopers of the House of Bells.

Commanding Officer,
U. S. Naval Hospital,
Oakland, California.

Sir:

My uncle, Mr. Christoph C. Kleimberg, veteran, has been under treatment in the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, for approximately two years. During this time I have personally observed the care and medical treatment administered.

It is my studied opinion that the medical skill and efficiency of the doctors and assistants in this case were directly responsible in preventing amputation.

LT H. C. Barton's unselfish devotion to duty in this case impressed me with the fact that he is not only a very capable medical officer, but is a naval officer of outstanding ability.

GEORGE K. HUFF

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Did you know that science fiction has graduated from the pulp magazine class and has taken its place in the current literary scene? More and more Oak Knoll readers are requesting science fiction, and they are ever-eager to hear that the library has acquired new titles. Two recent ones are "The Flying Saucer," by Bernard Newman and "Waldo, & Magic, Inc.," by Robert Heinlein. Historical novels are always popular; four new titles are "Jubilee Trail" by Gwen Bristow, a colorful account of the old Santa Fe Trail and life in early California; "Each Bright River" by Mildred Masterson, a novel of the Oregon country in the last half of the nineteenth century; "The White King" by Samuel Harrison, a fascinating fictionalized biography of a young doctor in the Hawaiian Islands in 1827; and "Storm of Time" by Eleanor Dark, a story of Australia when it was still a penal colony. "The Strange Land" by Ned Calmer is a moving account of six days of war during the autumn of 1944. Other new novels include "The King of Fassarai" by A. D. Divi, "Against the Tide" by Muriel Elwood, "The Captain's Lady" by Hugh Fosburg, and "The Hidden and the Hunted" by Howard Swiggott.

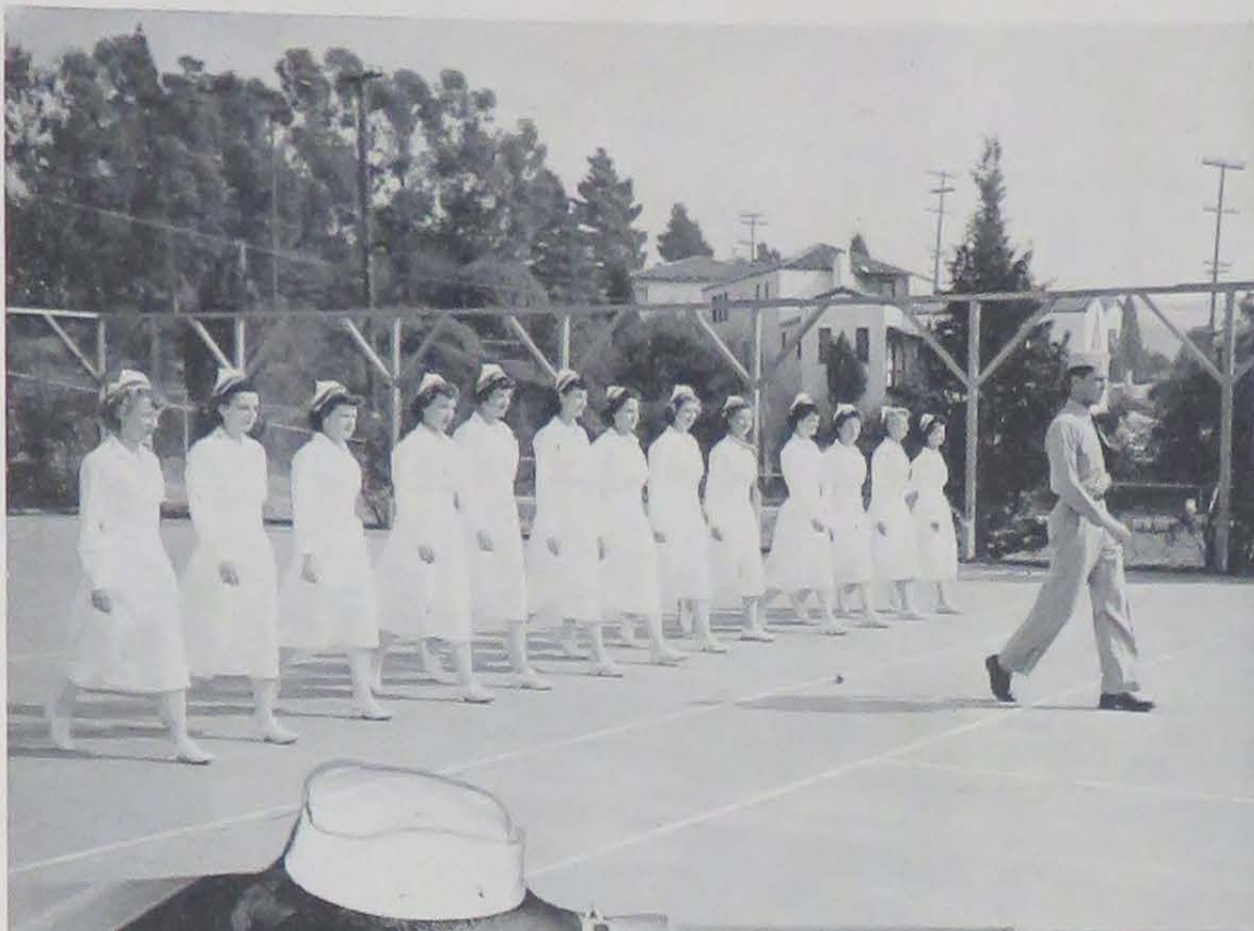
In the non-fiction line our new books include the following: "Californios," the sage of the hard riding vaqueros by Jo Mora; "The Peabody Sisters of Salem" by Louise Tharp; "The Law," a history of law from the earliest times to the present day, by Rene Wormser; "Casta Up-to-Date" by Jesse C. Beasley; "California Salt Water Fishing" by J. C. Davis; "Pivot of Asia: Sinkiang and the Inner Asian Frontiers of China and Russia" by that man-in-the-news, Owen Lattimore; "Electronics in Engineering" by W. R. Hill; "Famous American Marines," accounts of famous marines from the days of the Bonhomme Richard to Mount Suribachi, by C. L. Lewis, and "Painting as a Pastime" by Winston Churchill.

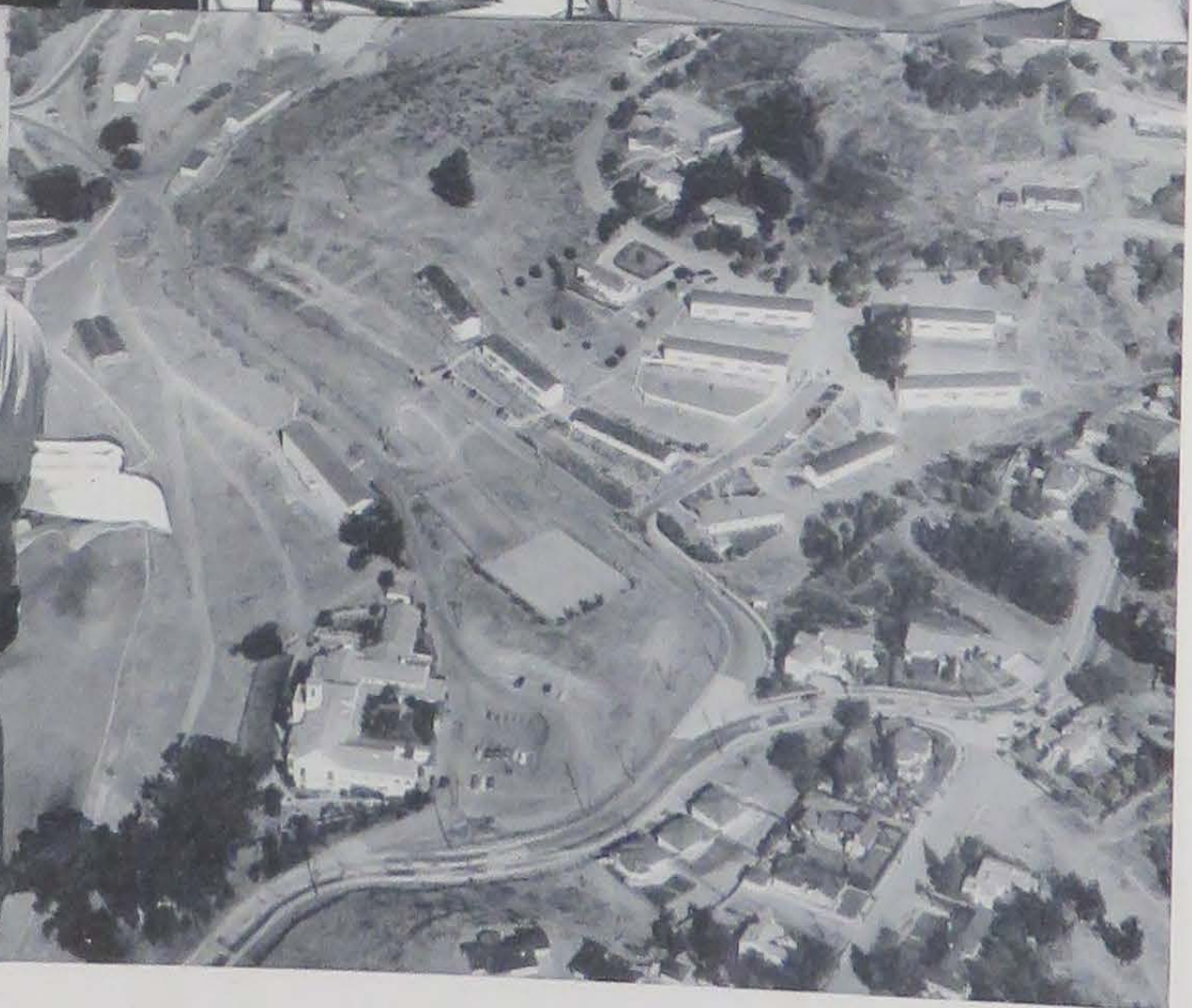


Welcome To Oak Knoll ★ ★ ★

Those who visit U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, today, will have an opportunity to see at first hand the work that goes on in one of the nation's largest Naval Hospitals, where officer and enlisted personnel, Red Cross workers, and civil employees are "teamed to defend" servicemen, their dependents, and veterans from the ravages of disease

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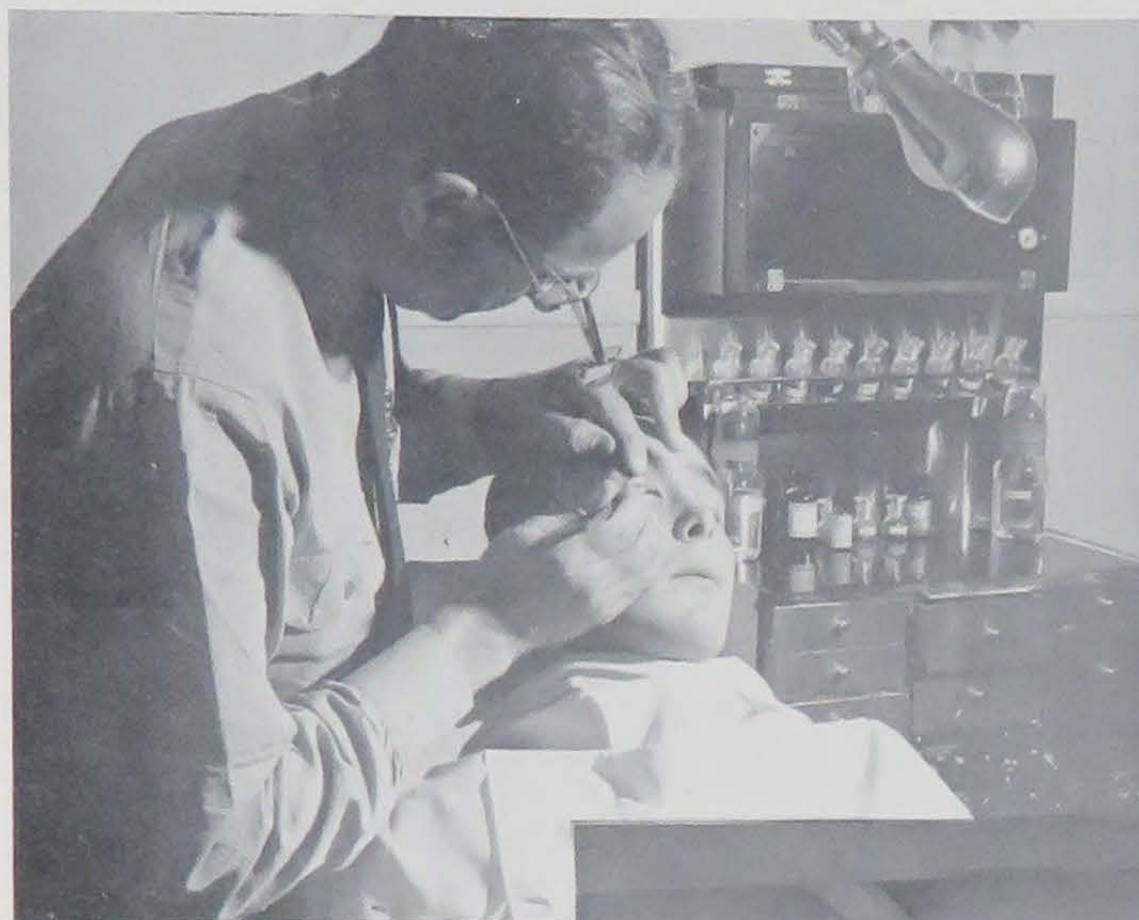




and injury. Visitors will discover why the hospital is sometimes described as a miniature city. Actually it is a highly-organized community where each member plays his part, directly or indirectly, in restoring the health of the patients.

The scenes presented in this special supplement show only a few of the many activities that make up the everyday life of patients and staff who live in this community. They indicate that this is a place of ambulances, administrative offices, babies, bowling alleys, the bank, barber shop, busses, birthday cakes, and ball games. It is a place of carpenter shops, chow carts, the chapel, commissary and clinics, chiefs, doctors, dentists, disbursing offices, and diet kitchens. It includes the

ENT Department, finance, and fire department, formula room, Gray Ladies, gurneys, greenhouse, the hobby shop, hospitalmen, Hubbard tank, incubators, indoctrination classes, laboratories, the laundry, medicines, master-at-arms, and movies, Navy Exchange, Navy Relief, neurosurgery, and nurseries. Important too are occupational therapy, ophthalmology, OOD, pharmacy, the post office, paylines, photographic arts, paper work, personnel, and power house, radiology, the quarters, and Red Cross. And the hospital is a place for surgery, the swimming pool, security, and small stores, telephone operators, temperatures, training program, and transportation, Veterans Administration, Wards and Waves.



'Wedding Bells' Will Be Given In Auditorium

First stage show to come to Oak Knoll's auditorium for several months will make its appearance at 1900 on Monday, 22 May when the Faucet School of Theater presents "Wedding Bells."

Faucet School, a Berkeley theatrical organization which has had several years' experience in radio and stage work, is widely known throughout the Bay Area for its fine performances. The play is a comedy in three acts, the first of which finds the "Wedding Bells" noticeably out of tune.

Another evening of outstanding entertainment will come to the Oak Knoll auditorium Wednesday, 31 May, when Henry Starr and Ben Watkins present their novelty band. The pair have been seen during the past seasons in several Bay Area night clubs where they followed a more or less Spike Jones arrangement of their music. The show will go on at 1900.

On Wednesday, 24 May and Saturday, 27 May another group of patients from this hospital will be taken to the Seals' baseball game. Both groups will leave from the Community Service Building at 1200, the game starting at 1300. Games will be with the Seattle Rainiers, a club which earlier this year set a new Pacific Coast League record (losing 25 of their first 31 games) and which should be an up-and-coming ball club. Anyway, Paul Fagan, president of the club, "Lefty" O'Doul, manager, and Mr. Peanut, a baseball fanatic who couldn't be ousted from the park, are all ready for forty patients who want to see some energetic ball playing.

Hail and Farewell Party On Officers' Club List

Newcomers to the staff and those soon to depart will be honored on 27 May at another of the Staff's traditional "Hail and Farewell" parties.

Cocktails will be served at the Officer's Club from 1700 to 1830 when guests will turn their attention to a barbecue supper. Dancing will continue until midnight.

A number of guests from other Navy activities in the Bay Area, Civilian Consultants, and Officers of the staff are expected to attend.

NEW HIGH IN HEALTH SET BY ARMED FORCES

Washington (AFPS) — Servicemen participating in the first Armed Forces Day will be the healthiest in the history of the United States.

The Army and Air Force reported recently personnel registered less illness, accidents and a lower death rate during 1949 than in any time on record.

The Navy, having kept accurate health tabulations, reported a similar new high in health. Advancements in every phase of physical well-being were noted.

Intensified delving into the causes of illness and a consistent policy of preventive medicine are some of the main reasons for this healthy condition.



Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, State Director of Public Health, spoke here Tuesday night to members of the staff on "Q Fever" and other public health problems in California. Preceding the lecture he was entertained at dinner by the Commanding Officer, with whom he is pictured here, and staff captains. Next Basic Science meeting scheduled for medical officers under instruction will be a "Presentation of Cases with Demonstrations of Physical Diagnosis by Symballophone" by Dr. William J. Kerr, Professor of Medicine, University of California, Tuesday night at 7:30. The final talk in the current series, "Anti-Bacterial Therapy in Tuberculosis," will be presented on 30 May by Dr. H. C. Hinshaw, Clinical Professor of Medicine, Stanford University.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

7 May
LOCKWOOD, Baby Boy, to wife of Albert Lockwood, PHCT, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
LACHICOTTE, Baby Girl, to wife of Albert Lachicotte, LT, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
SISKO, Robert Frank, to wife of Frank Sisko, AD2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

8 May
COOLEY, Baby Girl, to wife of Lloyd Cooley, ETC, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
SCARBOROUGH, Donna Marie, to wife of Dewey Scarborough, MA2, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
STEPP, John Robert, to wife of Otis Lee Stepp, BM2, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
JONES, Michael Alan, to wife of Irving Jones, TM2, 8 pounds.
LA FUZE, Joann Rose, to wife of Burdette La Fuze, GM1, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

9 May
CHRISTENSEN, Joan Marie, to wife of Grant Christensen, DC2, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.
LENOX, Michael Steven, to wife of Wilbert Lenox, LT, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
WARD, Ella Jacqueline, to wife of Evans Ward, M/Sgt., 8 pounds, 3½ ounces.

10 May
JOHNSON, Baby Girl, to wife of Earl Johnson, T/Sgt., 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
NYSTROM, Andrea Lee, to wife of Bruce Nystrom, Ens., 7 pounds, 13 ounces.
D'ERI, Baby Girl, to wife of Nicholas D'eri, ET2, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
EVANS, James Darwin, to wife of Boyd Evans, HM1, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
HALL, John Robert, to wife of William Hall, SK3, 6 pounds, 6½ ounces.
KEWLEY, Karen Louise, to wife of Kenneth Kewley, ET3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

KERN, Frederick Henry, to wife of Perry Kern, AN, 8 pounds.
DICKERSON, Baby Boy and Baby Girl, to wife of Luther Dickerson, TN, 7 pounds and 4 pounds, 14 ounces.

11 May
OLIVER, Harold Charles, to wife of Robert Lee Oliver, TN, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.
HAMPTON, Gaynor, to wife of Harold Hampton, LTJG, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
GHORMLEY, Laurie Ann, to wife of Lester Ghormley, TE3, 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

12 May
FORSHT, Eugene Robert Jr., to wife of Eugene Forsht, LT, 7 pounds.
VAN WEY, Jack Clyde, to wife of Jack R. Van Wey, Sgt., 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
GOFORTH, Jennifer Louise, to wife of Vern Goforth, AM1, 5 pounds, 7 ounces.

13 May
TIMMERMAN, John Thomas, II, to wife of John Timmerman, LCDR, 5 pounds, 6 ounces.
GRISSELL, Kathleen Doris, to wife of Elbert Grisell, LT, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Gertie's Pup Makes Good —Now Seeing-Eye Dog

"That pup was born smart," woofed Gertrude to the press this week as she reported that Patsy, one of the septuplets she delivered here on St. Patrick's Day, 1949, has graduated from a well-known seeing-eye dog school in this area and found employment with an elderly lady in Southern California.



Others of her 34 Oak Knoll-born progeny have distinguished themselves in other ways, but Patsy is the first to receive a diploma from an institution of higher learning.

What bit of news the inimitable Gert will come up with next, one never knows, but soon after contributing this item she jogged off in the direction of the Out-Patient Department, a rather uncertain expression on her whiskery face.

Gray Ladies to Receive Caps May 22

The Officers' Club will be the setting for a Gray Lady Capping Ceremony, on Monday evening 22 May, when Captain Cook will present certificates to 75 women who completed their training in February and have completed the required number of hours of service to patients to make them eligible for their white caps.

Mrs. Maree Stuber, Hospital Chairman of the Gray Ladies, will preside and Miss Marie Adams, Red Cross Field Director, will introduce Captain Cook who will give an official

Top Instructor To Begin Music Classes Soon

Want to learn to play the piano? Want to improve the skill you already have? Then your chance has come, for on Tuesday night, 27 May in Classroom C, Topside, Building 133, University of California Extension classes in piano will be organized.

The classes, each consisting of four students at approximately the same performance level, will meet weekly for 1½ hours sessions at times to be arranged at this organization meeting.

Mr. Richard Gaw, the instructor, has a degree in music from Chicago Musical College, has been an artist student of Alexander Raab for several years, and has studied at Conservatoire Nationale De Musique, Paris, and Vienna Akademie fur Musik. He was entertainment manager at Yosemite for several summers before he went overseas during the war and has been on the music staff at UC for the past three years. Marc Shupp, son of Captain Shupp, former Chief of Psychiatry here, studied under Mr. Gaw while he was at Oak Knoll, has continued since moving to Vallejo and last week won a \$100 scholarship for his playing.

This outstanding opportunity is open to all members of the staff—doctors, nurses, Waves, corpsmen, and civilians. Wives of staff members may also enroll. The charge for a ten-week series of lessons is \$37.50.

At the close of each series a recital is held at the home of one of the University Extension Division Instructors. All students are invited, and a member of each class—from those who have studied only ten weeks to others who have been playing for ten years—will perform. Members of the new groups to be started here Tuesday will be invited to a recital of the Berkeley classes on the evening of 2 June.

CDR McCoy, NC, Views Nursing Needs Here

CDR, Ouida McCoy, NC, USN, of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery spent Monday and Tuesday surveying with CDR Rosalia Jorgenson, Senior Nurse Corps Officer, the nursing needs of this hospital.

Miss McCoy is assistant to Captain Winnie Gibson, new director of the Navy Nurse Corps. She came to the Bay Area last week to attend the biennial convention of the American Nurses' Association.

Following the ceremony an informal reception for the Gray Ladies, their friends, and other hospital and Red Cross personnel will be held. Music will be provided by a patient orchestra.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, May 21

CAGED—Eleanor Parker, Agnes Moorehead.

Monday, May 22

SORRY, WRONG NUMBER—Barbara Stanwyck, Burt Lancaster, Wendell Corey.

Tuesday, May 23

THE GOOD HUMOR MAN—Jack Carson, Lola Albright.

Wednesday, May 24

OUTCAST OF BLACK MESA—Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnett.

Thursday, May 25

QUICKSAND—Mickey Rooney, James Cagney.

Friday, May 26

THE SKIPPER SURPRISED HIS WIFE—Robert Walker, Joan Leslie.

Saturday, May 27

BEAUTIFUL BLONDE FROM BASHFUL BEND—Betty Gable, Cesar Romero.

FasRon 8 Defeats
Knoll Golfers, 12½ to 2½

With A. Petnuch driving out a 3 under par 69, the FasRon 8 golfers of Alameda put the skids on the Knoll golfers' winning streak and got revenge for the Treasure Island Marines by downing the Knollites by the same 12½ to 2½ score on the afternoon of Thursday, 11 May.

Petnuch's score was the lowest carded this season in any of the Knollites' five 12 ND league matches, and aided materially in pushing the locals to a won two, lost two, tied one status.

CDR Milton Kurzrok led in points for the Knollites by carding a 78 to take 1½ points from his opponent, A. Jones' 81 and boost his total season's output to 10. Captain G. H. Ekblad and LTJG J. H. Spence garnered the other point by taking ½ point apiece from their opponents on the strength of an 81 and 83 respectively. Their opponents, S. Lacoco and J. Starbody, shot a 78 and a 82. Captain K. H. Vin-nedge, a usually reliable point gatherer, hit a gremlin head-on for an 86 and allowed J. G. O'Hara's 84 to take all three points.

LTJG J. W. Cross, captain of the golf team, was Petnuch's opponent and, as might be imagined, didn't score a point with his 87.

17 Run Spree Gives Peons Win



The Winner!

Frederick Ebright, veteran patient on 44A, submitted the above name-plate, thereby winning the honor and the \$5 offered in the Oak Leaf contest. Ebright has been practicing with his brush and easel in Occupational Therapy since he was admitted here last November. He is a veteran of World War II, having served with the 11th Air Force on Shemya Island in the Aleutians, there "sweating out" the cold" in the personnel office.

All entries were good, Judges Lenore Andrews, Joe Reginato, and the Oak Leaf editor reported. Ebright's was selected because it was most appropriate and polished.

Netters Sweep Points In 3rd Victory

CPO'S Win Two;
Grab Base Lead

By virtue of timely wins over the N.P. Techs and the Officers, the CPO club this week moved into undisputed possession of first place in the Intra-Department League, one-half game ahead of their nearest pursuers, the N.P.'s, with three straight wins as opposed to the Techs' three wins and one loss.

It was erroneously reported in the last issue that the Officers had hung the first defeat on the Techs, 8 to 6 in a game played on 4 May. Now we find that it was the Techs who won, which would have given them first place with a 3 and 0 record, and would have put the Officers in third place with a 1-1 record.

The Chiefs took the lead Monday when they played and defeated the N.P.'s 8 to 2 behind the four-hit pitching of G. H. Huffman, leading hurler of the league to date, and cinched it tighter Wednesday afternoon by downing another top contender, the Officers, 12 to 5.

Highest score of the season was registered Tuesday when the AdMen ran wild around the base-paths to knock-off the Civilians 24 to 3. Actually, 34 runs were scored, but because only half of the fifth inning was completed, the game reverted to the fourth. In the onslaught, four home-runs were hit by the AdMen but three were cancelled by the reversion which left only D. P. Harrold, first-sacker, to take the credit.

The defeat was a bitter pill for the Civvies, who'd hit winning ways only four days before by beating CSR 21 to 16 on Friday, 12 May. 88 men went to the plate in the six inning contest, 48 to face CSRs E. B. Turner, E. K. Kitagawa, and D. C. Bailey, and 40 to face Lore, chucker for the winners.

In a game which would have let them leap into first place if they'd gotten by the Chiefs, the Officers on 11 May pushed a troublesome Ad Building team aside 13 to 8 and set the stage for the Chiefs' game.

League standings:

	Won	Lost	Pct.	GB
CPO Club	3	0	1.000	
N.P. Techs	3	1	.750	½
Officers	2	2	.500	1½
Civilians	1	2	.333	2
Administration	1	3	.250	2½
Central Supply	0	2	.000	2½

New Base Tennis
Tourney Begins May 29

By taking all 13 points from the Treasure Island Marines Wednesday morning, the Knoll tennis team made it three straight wins in 12 ND competition and settled themselves as prime contenders for the championship of the league.

At the conclusion of the meet, Joe Reginato, director of athletics, announced that a new tournament will be started here on Monday, 29 May, with the finalists in the present tourney being declared ineligible to participate.

Edward Mathews, MACH, remained undefeated in league play as he racked up his third win, 6-2, 6-2 against Walter Watt. Captain Jack George, Senior Medical Officer of the Physical Evaluation Board, made his initial appearance for the team and in so doing downed Frances Bihm 6-3, 6-1 to push the Knollites toward the sweep.

LTJG H. G. Fuller bounced back from his defeat last Wednesday to hand Vernon Pinckart a 6-2, 6-0 drubbing to establish a 2 and 1 record for himself.

In the doubles, Mathews and George teamed up to hand a stubborn Bihm-Watt combination a tough 7-5 loss in the first game and an easy 6-0 in the second.

The final game of the hospital tourney, between Mathews and CDR Milton Kurzrok, is being delayed until the doctor returns from leave.

The new hospital tourney will be conducted in the same style as the previous one. That is, those wishing to join will notify Mr. Reginato, who will draw up a schedule. Participants will contact each other and play at their own convenience, but all scores must be turned in to Mr. Reginato. The coach also announced that lessons will be given for those desiring them.

Batting Leaders: (seven times at bat.)

	G	A	B	R	H	Pct.
Medeiros, Civs.	3	7	5	5	5	.714
Huffman, CPO	3	11	3	7	637	
Storms, N.P.	3	7	2	4	571	
Betoney, CPO	3	9	6	5	555	
Lyons, CPO	3	10	6	5	500	
Harrold, AdMen	3	10	6	5	500	

3rd Straight

1st Three Frames
10 Hits Do It

By exploding for 17 runs in the first three innings, the Oak Knoll Peons made it 3 straight in 12 ND league play Tuesday afternoon when they downed the Headquarters Department of Pacific Marines 17 to 7 at Haywood Park, San Francisco.

The game was never in doubt after the first inning when the Peons tallied six times on four hits, singles by Gerald Zilch, first baseman, and Bill Sellers, right fielder, a triple by J. C. Stevenson, second sacker, and a home run by C. A. Johnson, catcher.

Johnson's home run came with one on base and cleared the right field fence, a distance of about 225 feet, with a good five feet to spare. It was the first ball of the season to be hit out of any park by a Knollite and the second home run for Johnson.

Four more runs in the second inning put the game on ice for the Peons, and seven more in the third were excess, but nice, baggage.

Plans for a shutout by Oscar Lindblad went begging in the third inning when singles by Joe De Mello, left fielder, and Adolpho Visconti, shortstop, with a walk sandwiched in, accounted for two runs. But it wasn't until the sixth that things really looked bad for the winners. In that inning, Lindblad gave up three walks and one hit, and the players backing him up committed three errors to let five runs flit across the plate and put a potentially new face on the scoreboard. The Marines went down one, two, oops, three in the final stanza though, and everything was okay. The "oops" was for a slight error which could have, but luckily didn't, prove costly.

Zilch began the scoring by looping a single into right field and scoring on Stevenson's triple to the same pasture. F. McComas, third baseman, brought Stevenson in and scored on Johnson's four-bagger. Weitz was hit with a pitched ball and Lindblad put him across with a long ball to left field which De Mello dropped. Sellers' single put Lindblad across with the final run of the inning.

In the second, McComas and Johnson led off with singles and Weitz and Lindblad followed with doubles. Big Osc, advanced to third on shortstop R. Lyons' infield out, took things into his own hands at this point and came in on a beautiful delayed steal of home.

Gerald Zilch continued to lead in the hitting column with 6 bingles in 12 trips to the plate for an even .500 average and Sellers, by driving in four runs Tuesday, took over undisputed RBI lead with 8.

Marines	0	0	2	0	0	5	0
Hits	1	0	2	1	0	1	0
Peons	6	4	7	0	0	0	0
Hits	4	4	2	0	1	1	2
Batteries: Lindblad, Johnson; S. Germain, Cormier, Voitsberger.							



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Saturday, 27 May, 1950

Dr. Kerr Speaks



Dr. William J. Kerr, Professor of Medicine at the University of California and Physician-in-Chief of U. C. Hospital, gave a "Presentation of Cases With Demonstrations of Physical Diagnosis of Symballophone" Tuesday night to members of the staff. Dr. Kerr has been with the University of California Medical School since 1916. He is active in national, state and local medical groups and has contributed widely to medical books and journals. Preceding his lecture, which was part of the basic science program for residents and interns, the well-known U. C. doctor was entertained at dinner at the club by the Commanding Officer and staff captains.

Watch for Wiley's Work!

Beginning with the next issue of the Oak Leaf a series of cartoons depicting life about the compound by William E. Wiley, HN, will appear on page 4.

Wiley, lifeguard at the swimming pool, has had no previous cartooning experience, but his work is well-drawn and original and will be fun for Oak Leaf readers. Wiley, reared and schooled in Colorado and Wyoming, has been stationed at Oak Knoll since 24 August 1948.

Novelty Band to Play

If you like Spike Jones, if you like a little fun along with your music, then you're sure to like Henry Starr and Ben Watkins' novelty band which is scheduled to appear in the auditorium Wednesday night at 1900.

The popular pair of musicians have been seen and heard in various night clubs around the Bay Area and are always well received.

Two Booths Planned For NAS Carnival

Oak Knoll will have two booths at the NAS Alameda carnival on 1, 2, and 3 June. Enlisted men will operate a nickel pitch booth, and officers will run a lucky wheel where stuffed animal toys will be given to the winners. Both booths will be similar to those Oak Knoll ran last year with great success.

Chaplain R. F. McComas, who is in charge of Navy Relief for this hospital, would like to hear from staff members and their wives who are interested in helping with the booths.

The carnival will be climaxed by the big drawing at which the winner of the Lincoln sedan and other valuable prizes will be named. Ticket holders need not be present in order to win. Approximately \$400 worth of tickets had been sold up until noon Thursday, and sales are expected to move faster in the next few days. Half of all money taken in will go to Navy Relief.

Another Champ Commuter

Another champion commuter has been discovered since Dr. Dirstine's and Mr. Gross' daily trips from Santa Clara and Mill Valley were reported last week. Mrs. Aurelia B. Stone does not come farther than they do, but she comes "longer." For three years she has been catching the 0555 bus out of Richmond, transferring at 40th and San Pablo and again at Seminary and MacArthur, in order to punch the time clock and be at her desk in the Post Office Directory Service before 0800.

Mrs. Stone started this routine when she found a nice apartment in Richmond during the worst years of the housing shortage.

Nationally Known Diver To Exhibit Skills Here

Murland Fearight, finalist in the 1947 and '48 All-Navy diving championships, will give a demonstration of his skill for the personnel of this hospital at the station swimming pool on 1 June, beginning about 1000. Joseph Reginato, director of athletics announced yesterday.

Fearight, who is generally conceded to be one of the top four trampoline artists in the country, has won eight dual matches from some of the top competition on the west coast and was a constant threat in national diving circles.

The diver will give his performance while his wife is being examined at the Out-Patient Department.

Staff Members Receive CO's Commendation



Three members of the staff were commended last Saturday by the Commanding Officer for the "energy, loyalty, and cooperation" they have used in carrying out their duties here. They are, left to right, Raymond Leonard Tackett, HA; George Junior Cawley, HM1, and Robert Lilburn Jackson, SDC.

Tackett's commendation was for service in the Plastic Surgery Department, where for the past 18 months he has "demonstrated a keen sense of judgment, initiative and attention to detail in the handling of dressings on plastic surgery cases."

Cawley and Chief Jackson received their commendations for their outstanding work as instructors in the Food Handling Courses recently conducted by the commissary department at this hospital. The commendation will be made a part of each man's service record.

Disaster Unit Viewed By AF Day Visitors



W. M. Fehlman, HM3, left, and C. L. Hopkins, HN, center, were among the 20 corpsmen who served as staff hosts to Armed Forces Day visitors last Saturday. Here they are showing visitors through the Emergency Surgical Unit which stands by at Oak Knoll, ready to serve anywhere in the area in case of disaster.

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Don't Let a Dollar Lie Idle

Dollars, like seeds, often go to waste when they just lie around idle. But, planted wisely, they grow into a rich harvest. And what more fertile ground can you find than U. S. Savings Bonds? In only 10 short years, U. S. Savings Bonds return \$100 for every \$75 you plant.

Come good or bad times, you'll be mighty thankful for the money you reap. You'll be able to put the children through school, buy new equipment for the home and farm you plan to get when you retire, and spend the later years of your life with complete independence.

So put your dollars in Savings Bonds now. Every day they work means more leisure days for you. Save for your Independence. Buy U. S. Savings Bonds.

† † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

When we think of all those who have given their lives in the service of their country that others might enjoy the fruits of their labors, what sort of a response does it awaken in our souls? Special holiday celebrations, flowers for the graves, posthumous medals, and even tears of sorrow, are not what they fought for. The soul may be stirred and the pulse quickened as we remember them and the cost of their accomplishments, but what good does that do to further the cause of our liberty and security? We must not forget the fact that all the men we remember on Memorial Day died for something that was not finally accomplished with their death, but requires continuing sacrifices upon the part of those who would see the welfare of all men enhanced. If we would not fail them, we should seek the good life for which they thought they fought.

All things worthwhile in life require sacrifice on the part of someone. That's not only the lesson of the Cross; it's the law of life. Those who are willing to enjoy the benefits of the sacrifices of others without making their own contributions to the ongoing life of society are parasites. Even in the absence of war there can be nothing approaching real peace and goodwill when such social parasites are numerous to the point of being in the majority. In recognition of this fact, no Memorial Day can have meaning when men only look BACKWARD with regret or sorrow over past losses of men on the field of battle, but only as they look INWARD and behold with sorrow the presence of that sinfulness which when multiplied in the hearts of others crushes all hope for peaceable relations among men. And Memorial Day can only have meaning as men look UPWARD to the source of their being in God and call upon Him for a clearer understanding of His will for us and all men and receive from Him the courage to do His will in a spirit of sacrificial love approaching that of His Son.

The sacrifices of the brave dead can lose their meaning through the sinful selfishness and indifference of their survivors, but to find God and to understand ourselves in the light of His truth is the one hope we have for that durable peace among men which will give everlasting meaning to the sacrifices on behalf of humanity by all those who have gone before us.

R. F. McCOMAS

★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Monday—
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.



In spite of a chill wind that sent spectators scurrying for cover, nineteen brave and curvaceous young ladies from Mills College went on with their aquatic, "Hits and Misses," Wednesday afternoon, 17 May, for staff and patients of this hospital.

In the picture, the girls are presenting "Carousel Waltz," the sixth of nine numbers. Another popular one was "I Can't Say No." Swum to the tune of the popular song, it was presented as if the girls were puppets. The jerky movement, in rhythm with the music, was highly entertaining to the crowd.

The aquatic was directed by Miss June Brasted, who has put on similar swim shows at Mills College for the past five years.

Red Cross Ramblings

BIRTHDAY PARTY—NEW STYLE!

Harvey L. Roberts, veteran, and Robert Gledhill, TC3, 77A, requested homemade apple pie instead of the usual birthday cake. So the San Leandro Gray Ladies made the succulent pies with their own fair hands and served the two celebrants, with plenty left over for everyone on the ward. Real whipped cream topped the pie, and the smacking of lips almost drowned out the singing of Happy Birthday.

STAMP SCOOP!

Did you ever wonder why so many people collect stamps? One reason might be that they are renewing an early hobby, begun in childhood. Or maybe like Mr. Charles Hope, veteran patient on 42A, there are a variety of reasons. Mr. Hope spent the year 1946 in China directing UNRRA affairs there. Friends he met in China now send him letters with the various foreign stamps on them. Then there's the old family trunk in the attic filled with letters from the year 1852 which hold a gold mine of stamps. His friend and neighbor collects stamps, too; so it seemed the natural thing to begin when Red Cross facilities here offered to start him on his way to being a collector. The most important reason, perhaps, to quote Mr. Hope, "is my new and first grandson for whom I am beginning this stamp collection."

J. E. Cruikmore, MM2, also a patient on 42A, says he likes stamp collecting because each stamp actually tells a story.

The Stamp Club meets topside the Community Service Building each Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Dallas, volunteer, is the visiting expert at these meetings, to guide and direct beginners and members of the club. You are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Belated good wishes to William Bottorff, AA, on 61A, whose birthday was 23 May, celebrated that evening with a birthday cake and all.

Welcome and Farewell

Seventeen persons reported aboard and eight were detached during the period from 11 to 24 May. Those being detached were LTJG G. L. Bradt, to civilian life; LT Helen B. Grater, to USNH, Mare Island; LT Katherine M. Loughman, to U. S. Naval Dispensary, 50 Fell St., San Francisco; LT Margaret L. Covington, to University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.; LTJG Elizabeth D. Kuhl, ENS Norma L. Bassett, and ENS Veronica D. Iadello, to civilian life, and Flora Wright Hooper, HM1, Naval Dispensary, Washington, D. C.

Those coming aboard were Captain E. F. Kline, from USNH, Long Beach, California; CDR M. O. Sartori, from NAS, Norfolk, Virginia; LTJG R. W. Maher, from U. S. Naval Shipyard, San Francisco; J. E. Harris, DTC, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; J. A. Graham, HM1, from Hospital Corps School, Portsmouth, Virginia; D. G. Smith, HM3, from USNH, Mare Island; V. W. Smith, HM3, from Receiving Station, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; G. J. Braun, HM3, from Navy Medical School, Bethesda, Maryland; D. H. Parrish, HN, and HA's W. L. Barnes, E. C. Brown, G. J. Cavanaugh, K. R. Ellis, D. F. Mintz, D. A. Morrison, C. B. Romero and D. L. Rutemeyer, from Hospital Corps School, San Diego.

Contrary to usual procedures, the San Diego transfers came as far as Moffett Field by plane and covered the last lap of the trip by bus.

Club Party Tonight

Staff officers and their ladies will turn out tonight for a Hail and Farewell party in honor of couples arriving and departing from Oak Knoll. The festivities will begin at the Officers' Club at 1700 and continue with a barbecue supper and dancing until midnight.



Who's Who...

David J. Spragio, the HM3 here pictured, loves people, likes to have fun and wants to meet everyone he can; but, he says, it is best if you meet him socially, not through his business. Why? He has the dubious honor of being Brig corpsman.



Spragio was born in Plaquemine, Louisiana, but enlisted in New Orleans on the 1st day of July 1948. Since finishing corps school, he has spent his time at Mare Island, arriving here in early April of this year.

Formerly holding his duty on Ward 66, Lawrence J. Florio, HN, decided he was working too hard and turned in. Now, he is living a life of ease on 42B in patient status.



Florio is a native Californian. He was born in San Jose and enlisted in San Francisco on 3 September 1948. Before enlisting, he attended University of Santa Clara for a year. Since boot camp and corps school, he has been at this station on one detail or another, preferably the other. He arrived here in March of 1949.

Before joining the Navy, John E. Hawkins, HA, on night duty at 60B, was a foreman on an oil well job. With his six man crew, he'd go from well to well and pull pipe that was no longer needed in one spot and take it to where it could be used.



He was also an inveterate traveler and has seen every state of the Union except Washington and Oregon.

Hawkins enlisted in Salina, Kansas, on 14 September 1948 and arrived at Oak Knoll from San Diego on 8 April, 1949. In his spare time, he works on model ships or reads, but for sports, he'll take football or swimming just any old time.

New Caps For 73 New ARC Gray Ladies Honored Here Monday

Seventy-three Gray Ladies from Alameda, Berkeley, Mt. Diablo, and Oakland Red Cross chapters were "capped" in special ceremonies held at the Officers' Club Monday night.

Captain S. S. Cook, in his welcome to the new group of workers, spoke highly of the services provided for hospital patients by volunteers and expressed his pleasure at the interest shown by this group—the largest class to graduate at this hospital. He presented certificates to the Gray Ladies, who were capped by Miss Winifrid Eley,

Recreation Supervisor, and Mrs. Beatrice Scarborough, Personal Service Gray Lady Consultant. Mrs. Marge Stuber, Hospital Gray Lady Chairman, and Miss Marie Adams, Oak Knoll Field Director, were in charge of the program.

An informal reception for the new workers followed the ceremony. Refreshments were served and a program of popular music was played by Jack Hyde, EN1, 48B, drums; Harry Adams, AN, 65A, guitar, and Ron Friese, MVSN, 48B, trumpet.

New Gray Ladies now ready to serve on the wards and in the Red Cross Lounge and Craft Shop are Madeline Miramont, Andrella Myers, Alma Mulvany, Rosalie Whitehead, Clair Chaix, Ivernia Forslund, Helen Golab, Elsie Grimes, Sally Jennings, Ruth Unbehaun, Marie Tosti, Alice Dallas, Carla McGregor, Frances Schuller, Leta Taylor, Betty Morgan, Pauline Bascom, Rose Larson, Mabel Northam, Marion Wood, all from Alameda.

Miriam D. Harper, Elizabeth Howard, Barbara Loane, Bess Kidwell, Leonie Boyd, Nathalie Boyd, Claire Thatcher, Beatrice Carpenter, Lucille Parker, Rita Dirk, Helen Hecox, Harriet Hill, Florence Mulligan, Eileen O'Shea, June Padfield, Barbara Thompson, Berkeley.

Amelie Davitt, Irene Cooper, Dorys Cosma, Marilyn Cottle, Barbara Deniston, Lois Marcella, Margaret Muller, Helen Slavens, Lucile Campbell, Frances Frazier, Katherine Herre, Marjorie Zumwalt, Mt. Diablo.

Evelyn Arthur, Blanch Berger, Agnes Borland, Horte Bourne, Elizabeth Corker, Barga Freccero, Eve Frost, Faye Green, Ellen Gregg, Carole Haines, Margaret Haneberg, Gladys Dunkel, Sally Jordan, Mina Lewis, Margaret Lope, Natalie Marino, Edith Nugent, Dorothy Platt, Ruth Rivers, Marie Shaw, Marilyn Swanson, Lola Young, Gertrude Williams, Oakland.

A Scot who had been presented with a flask of rare old whiskey was walking briskly along the road toward home, when a car came along which he didn't sidestep quite in time. He got up and was limping down the road, when he noticed something warm and wet trickling down his leg. "Oh, Lord," he exclaimed, "I hope that's blood."

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By Glenn W. Oberlin

Like I said two weeks ago, it's all over now. No longer can I sit around in the invulnerable cloak of anonymity and watch readers rant and rave and threaten bodily harm to the author for such libel. Now I have to rely on speed to see me through to the next issue.

The picnic season is in full swing, as evidenced by G. P. Woods, the ghost of HCQ, and his monstrous headache. Woody on the Starboard Watch picnic Sunday, 14 May, had a sudden yen to go swimming and chose two feet of water at the bottom of a ten-foot embankment. His lacerated forehead, slight concussion and headache, will give him a good tale to spin at bull sessions for many years to come.

At the Galley Corpsmen's outing, held Tuesday night, an erstwhile Tarzan was discovered in A. B. James, Ward 55, who cavorted in the tip-top branches of the surrounding trees, much to the delight of spectators and consternation of J. B. Harris, commissary, who was supposed to take care of all the little kiddies.

Although the Starboard picnickers' steaks had the benefit of expert cooking WITH seasoning, the grilled beef at the Galley Corpsmen's fling, as prepared by embryo chefs F. R. Bostrom, 70A, and E. B. Jarmon, commissary, were just as good, coals and all. (No favoritism there, each dropped one onto the hot coals.)

TV has nothing on us! Bob Irvine and Bobby Diehl have always pulled a pretty good crowd when they have their spontaneous but frequent wrestling matches.

Which reminds me, when are we going to see one of those funny-looking antennas atop the roof of HCQ? (That's a big question mark.)

Gus Martin, CDR Cuttle's number one boy, was all set to sign away his bachelor's rights today but was delayed until his family could get with her's to decide who'd get the oil wells, Cadillacs, etc. Lots of luck, Gus.

Every place one looks, or rather,

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

14 May

JAIME, Gregory Joseph, to wife of Adolph Jaime, SN, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

CROFT, Rex Allen, to wife of Andrew Lee Croft, GM2, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

HERBERT, Deborah Jayne, to wife of Leo E. Herbert, YN2, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

GRAHAM, Kenneth Bruce, to wife of Carl Graham, Cpl., 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

RUSHTON, Thomas Richard, to wife of Richard Rushton, ADC, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

COX, David Anthony, to wife of Fred Cox, EM1, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

15 May

GRAVES, Dottie Elaine, to wife of Delbert Graves, Sgt., 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

HOLEMAN, Barbara Ann, to wife of Paul Holeman, Cpl., 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

McGUIRE, Baby Boy, to wife of Harry McGuire, SHC, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

WOOD, David Warren, to wife of Richard Wood, GM2, 7 pounds, 1½ ounces.

COLEMAN, Michele Christina, to wife of John Coleman, SK1, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

BECKWITH, Gilbert Henry, Jr., to wife of Gilbert Beckwith, ETC, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

DAVIS, Frank Raymond, to wife of James Davis, CDR, 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

McCANN, Catherine Lee, to wife of William McCanna, SN, 7 pounds.

16 May

BRISTOL, Molly Hanner, to wife of William Bristol, Lt., 4 pounds, 4 ounces.

MAHONEY, Leslye Louise, to wife of Jack Mahoney, Lt. JG, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

NICHOLS, Barbara Jean, to wife of Oscar Nichols, SC3, 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

HEILMAN, Michael Lee, to wife of Ross Heilman, YN2, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

OBORNE, Barry Lee, to wife of Laurence Osborne, AL3, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

17 May

ARBOGAST, Mickey Ray, to wife of Donald Arbogast, PN2, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

HARVEY, Laura, to wife of William Harvey, AD2, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

18 May

JOWERS, Polly Joan, to wife of Robert Jowers, TE2, 6 pounds.

PACE, Joseph, to wife of Joe W. Pace, SN, 7 pounds.

19 May

MARSHALL, Ronald Alton, to wife of Alton Marshall, SN, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

COOPER, Garry Allen, to wife of Dale Cooper, MM1, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

PLUMMER, Angela Marie, to wife of Andrew Plummer, SN, 7 pounds.

20 May

NORRIS, Michael Lorten, to wife of Lorten Norris, Sgt., 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

MOORE, Dennis Rombi, to wife of Frank Moore, ADC, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

tries to park, there is a "No Parking" sign. How come there's not one behind 75A?

S. Salas of 73B has been having awfully good dreams lately, judging from his nocturnal conversations. "Oh, she's beautiful. And lovely. And so nice. So wonderful. She's so attractive and captivating." I don't know who he's trying to convince, but She must be something. Ah, me, this wonderful summertime—every bit as good as Gershwin said.

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PREVIEWS



Sunday, 28 May

SECRET FURY—Claudette Colbert, Robert Ryan. "The Secret Fury" resembles the successful "Sorry, Wrong Number," in a sense, but definitely not in detail, in that a web of circumstances traps the victim into a situation for which she has no responsibility whatsoever. This time, Miss Colbert plays the role of a happy-go-lucky heiress, a well-known concert pianist, who has her wedding ceremony interrupted to hear a stranger accuse her of having been married a short time previously.

Monday, 29 May

ISN'T IT ROMANTIC—Mona Freeman, Billy DeWolfe. No available information.

Tuesday, 30 May

FORTUNES OF CAPTAIN BLOOD—Lewis Hayward. No available information.

Wednesday, 31 May

BEAUTY ON PARADE—Robert Hutton, Ruth Warrick. Ruth Warrick plays the part of beauty contest winner who feels that she passed up fame and fortune for married life, while her husband has spent 20 years trying to forget that she was a contest winner. Lola Albright, her daughter, enters a beauty contest under her mother's careful guidance and against her father's wishes, and the battle is on.

Thursday, 1 June

HANGOVER SQUARE—Laird Cregar, George Sanders. No available information.

Friday, 2 June

FATHER OF THE BRIDE—Spencer Tracy, Elizabeth Taylor. Spencer Tracy, moderately successful lawyer living in Suburbia, here reviews the events leading up to his pretty young daughter's romance and wedding. Good-natured, heart-warming and constantly pitched at an understandable, down-to-earth level for audiences in wide wholesale. "Father of the Bride" shines and scintillates like a gem, which is precisely the kind of attraction it is.

Saturday, 3 June

FIESTA—Ester Williams, Akim Tamiroff. No available information.

Nurses Softball Team In Moral Win Over Alameda

With Pitcher Frances J. Kissinger hurling two-run, one-hit ball until the fifth inning, the Nurses' softball team scored a great moral victory by almost upsetting the Tidal Waves of NAS, Alameda, in the Women's softball league on the Waves' home diamond.

The Nurses led throughout the game until the fifth inning as timely hitting pushed across four runs and tight defensive fielding kept the power-laden WAVES from crossing home-plate more than twice.

Second sacker L. F. Finney began the scoring for the Nurses in the second inning by singling, stealing second and third and coming in on an

Peons Lose First; Bucs Win, Lose



Moffett Field Gives Peons First Defeat

For the first time this season, the Peons of Oak Knoll tasted the bitter pill of defeat . . . and all because of one inning.

Leading the Moffett Field Sky-masters 4 to 3 in their game Tuesday afternoon, the Peons entered the fatal fifth and fell apart to let eight big runs and a lost ball game enter the record books.

But even seven runs down, the Peons wouldn't give up, coming back in the last of the seventh to score four runs and get the tying runs on base, only to see it stop three runs short of another chance and four runs short of another victory.

Big Oscar Lindblad, until the fatal fifth, seemed to have his fourth straight win already tucked into his hip pocket, giving up only five well-spaced hits, one of them a home run by Bob Stein, first baseman, for the three runs. But in that one inning, everything happened. He walked two, hit two others, gave up four hits, and had his fielders commit three errors to let the margin of victory dash across the tally-bag.

Grady Dodd, pitcher for the Sky-masters, was tagged for only five hits in the seven innings, two each by R. F. McComas, third-sacker, and Lindblad, and one by J. C. Stevenson, second sacker. McComas in four trips to the plate banged out a single and a triple and scored three times, and Lindblad with two timely singles knocked in four runs to take the RBI lead away from Bill Sellers with ten. The game was the first that Gerald Zilch, first baseman, failed to get at least two hits, going 0 for 4.

Next week, the Peons travel to NAS, Oakland on Wednesday in quest of their fourth win toward the championship.

American tourist (to butler): "We've made a terrible mistake, I'm afraid. I must have tipped his lordship instead of you."

Butler: "That is unfortunate, sir. I'll never get it now."

Net Team Loses First to TI 7-6

After taking three straight contests in 12 ND league play, the Oak Knoll tennis team was defeated Wednesday 7 to 6 by the Treasure Island net team who took one single match and the doubles match for the victory.

The game was the first in which Edward Mathews, MACH, was defeated in league play. He lost 6-2 and 6-3. Captain Jack George, who made his debut last week with a win, continued it this week by downing his opponent 6-2 and 6-4 in the first singles match. LTJG H. G. Fuller took his third game in league play by knocking off his opponent handily 6-4, 6-4.

In the doubles, George and Mathews teamed up to try for a fourth consecutive victory for the Knollites, but they were downed 0-6, 6-3 and 2-6 to end the match and the winning streak.

Kurzrok Downs Matthews For Tennis Championship

CDR Milton Kurzrok Tuesday afternoon ended the hospital tournament when he stopped Mathews' winning ways 6-4, 6-4 in a game which saw control and speed combined in right proportions to insure a good match. The Doctor, while never in any real trouble, was still wary enough to keep the ball away from Mathews' smashing forehand, which carried him to the finals.

Because only two persons had signed up by Wednesday forenoon, the new Station Tournament was postponed a week until 5 June to give everyone a chance to enter. Finalists in the tourney just completed are ineligible to compete in the one beginning.

Medics Toss NP's To Tie For Second Spot

By teeing off on the CSR crew 23 to 6 Friday, 19 May, and getting revenge against the N.P. Techs 20 to 8 for an earlier defeat Wednesday afternoon, the Officers entered a tie with the latter for second place, one full game behind the leading Chief Petty Officers, who in their only appearance of the week took the first forfeited game of the season from the Civilians 1 to 0.

On Monday, in what was then the battle of the cellar, the AdMen proved themselves better than the CSRs for that day by soundly trouncing them 21 to 9 behind the four-hit pitching of A. K. Hunter. On Thursday, 18 May, the N.P. team pushed themselves toward the top and the Civilians toward the bottom by downing the latter nine 28 to 7 in a wild and woolly slugfest which saw 52 of the victors stride to the plate to bang out 25 base hits.

In the Officer-CSR tilt, both M. G. Peterson, catcher for the Officers,

Ski Hurls 3-Hitter For 7-3 Victory

After chucking a nifty four hitter to take a 7-3 ball game from the USS McKean nine Thursday, 18 May, Steve Tamborski lost a heart-breaker to the San Francisco Naval Shipyard 10 - 9 Wednesday afternoon when his center fielder slipped trying to gather in an easy fly ball to allow the winning run to get on board in the last half of the first extra inning.

Perkins, center field for the Friscans, went to second on the bobbled ball and rode home minutes later with the final run when Largent, first sacker, connected for his third hit of the ball game, a grass-cutter into left field.

The Pirates were behind after the first inning, but made a gallant comeback in the top of the seventh to score four runs on five hits and tie the game at 9 to 9 to force it into extra innings.

In the game with the McKean nine, Tamborski was in good form, holding the losers scoreless for the first six innings. He tired in the seventh and after striking out the first man to face him, gave up a home run to Marshlain, third sacker, to lose his shutout. Two walks, a hit, and an error accounted for the last two runs before the side was retired to end the ball game.

Johnny Stevenson, catcher; Charley Young, short stop; and Tamborski each gathered two hits in that game to lead the batters, with George Schroder, W. O. Stephens, and Bill (Moon) Mullins getting the others. Stevenson and Schroder each scored twice to materially aid the Bucs' cause.

Big gun in the Shipyard contest was Claude Johnson who got a double and a single and four RBI's in four trips to the plate. Young, Tamborski and Daniels also made good account of themselves at the plate. Young by getting a double and a single and three RBI's in three trips. Ski by lining two singles in three appearances, and Daniels by banging out two in four.

and E. B. Turner, center fielder for the losers, tagged balls to the far corner of the field for home runs. Turner's coming in the second with no one aboard and Peterson's in the third with two aboard to boost his RBI output for the day to six. The following game of the CSRs saw two more homers hit against them by AdMen.—M. D. Lewis, third baseman, connected for one in the third with the bases empty and W. L. Morris, second-sacker, drove one in the fifth with the bags vacant, to give the AdMen home run honors with four.

LEAGUE STANDINGS				
	W	L	Pct.	CS
CPO Club	4	0	1.000	1
N.P. Techs	4	2	.666	1
Officers	4	2	.666	24
Administration	2	3	.400	34
Civilians	1	4	.200	4
CSR	0	4	.000	4
BATTING LEADERS				
(10 or more times at bat)				
	G	AB	R	H
Huffman, CPO	4	11	3	7
Beer, Officers	3	10	7	6
Madeiros, Civilians	3	11	5	6
Myers, N. P. Techs	4	13	7	7
Morris, Administration	4	14	7	7



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Chief Petty Officers of the staff gave a farewell party for Captain K. H. Vinnedge Thursday night, 25 May, before his departure for Great Lakes. Captain Vinnedge, head of the radiology department here for the past four years, assisted the chiefs in planning their club, and it was during the time he was acting as executive officer that work on the club actually got under way. Those on hand to say "Thanks and smooth sailing" to the popular captain were, front row, left to right, Ralph O. Thomas, civilian chief cook, L. L. Linse, C. A. Weitz, M. O. Edwards, C. O. Martin, L. F. Betoney, H. H. Berry, L. T. Edwards, and L. E. Canaday, HMC's. Standing are F. G. Shields, HMC, A. B. Simmons, BTC (Ret), G. J. Huffman, W. L. Gibson, O. Lomax, A. L. Green, HMC's; CWO O. G. Haines, LT R. O. Harrison, W. A. Schloeman, V. H. Churchill, HMC's; Master Sergeant H. M. Dyle, P. E. Isaacs, HMC, CHPLK H. J. Francisco, R. E. Lederer, DTC, H. Matchett, and R. Lyons, HMC's.

Berkeley Pianist Will Play Here

An evening of music by Richard Gaw, pianist and instructor of UC Extension Division piano classes, will be presented in the Station Chapel Tuesday evening, 6 June, for members of the staff, their families and friends.

The program, which will begin at 1900, will include Chopin's "C# Minor Etude" and "C Minor Etude" and Liszt's "Petrarchan Sonata." Mr. Gaw has studied piano extensively both in this country and in Europe. He was in charge of entertainment at Yosemite National Park for several summers before he went overseas during the war and has been on the music staff at UC for the past three years.

Following the program, an organization meeting will be held for all who are interested in studying piano—beginning, intermediate, or advanced. Classes of four students each, grouped according to performance level, will be organized. They will meet with Mr. Gaw for 1½-hour lessons each week for a 10-week period. The charge for the series is \$37.50.

The possibility of organizing a University of California—instructed choral group is being considered, and further information in this regard will soon be available.



On the program for last Friday night's meeting of the Laennec Society were, left to right, CDR Anton Zikmund, MC, USN; Captain S. S. Cook, MC, USN; Dr. Paul Samson, Dr. Gerald L. Crenshaw, and CDR Harvey E. Reitz, MC, USN.

More than 70 civilian and Navy doctors turned out for the meeting at which Captain Cook and members of the staff were hosts. Cocktails and buffet supper preceded the scientific meeting which included a discussion of "Spontaneous Hemopneumothorax" by CDR Zikmund, a paper on "Retroclavicular Fat Pad Biopsy" by CDR Reitz, and a movie on "Pulmonary Decortication" by Dr. Samson. The Commanding Officer welcomed the society, and Dr. Crenshaw, President of the Laennec Society and civilian consultant at Oak Knoll, responded for the visitors.

Lincoln Goes Tonight at Relief Carnival

Sale of Navy Relief tickets as of Wednesday morning had hit \$825 with about \$75 more expected before the closing date Thursday, according to Chaplain R. F. McComas, chairman of the drive at this base. The drawing for prizes to be given away at NAS, Alameda will be tonight, the last night of the three-day Navy Relief Carnival being held at that station.

The drawing tonight will be highlighted by the presentation of a new,

1950, six-passenger Lincoln coupe to some lucky person. The Lincoln is the grand prize, and numerous prizes in the field of valuable and useful household and sporting items will go to holders of the winning tickets.

The Carnival which will end the drive has been going on for the past two nights at Alameda. It will be open today from 1300 to 2400. Everyone is invited and urged to attend for a grand time and for a worthy cause.

Hospital to Have Modern Amputee NP Center

The biggest construction project undertaken at Oak Knoll since the war years, got under way on 22 May when conversion of Wards 52, 53, 54, 55, and 56 for use as a psychiatric treatment center was begun by the A. B. Lahti Company of Berkeley. A second major project, the Amputee Center, was started Monday, 29 May by J. A. Gordon, San Francisco contractor. Both jobs are being done under Bureau of Yards and Docks contract. Rear Admiral H. W. Johnson, CEC, District Public Works Officer, is the officer in charge of construction. And Lt. W. H. Griffiths, Jr., CEC, Public Works Officer for the hospital, is resident officer in charge.

When completed, the psychiatric wards will have all the latest equipment in the way of psychiatric lighting, plumbing, and security measures. There will be four enclosed outdoor recreation areas and one indoor occupational therapy and recreation room.

MODERN EQUIPMENT

These wards will accommodate a maximum of 200 patients and will include facilities for female patients as well as SOQ patients. According to present plans, Ward 54 will be ready for occupancy about 15 July. CDR E. L. Hammond Chief of the Neuro-psychiatric Department since 7 March when the service was transferred here from Mare Island, stated this week in discussing the building program, that upon its completion, this hospital, now designated the Navy's West Coast Psychiatric Center, will offer its patients the most modern type of treatment available anywhere in the area.

AMPUTEE CENTER

Amputee patients, 18 of whom will be transferred here from Mare Island on 12 June will be housed in Ward 42A. Equipment for their special needs will be installed in Building 102, which formerly contained the Red Cross Craft Shop and Lounge. The first floor of the building will contain shops for manufacturing artificial limbs and rooms for fitting them, and the second floor will hold office space, store rooms, and classrooms for training of technicians. CDR Thomas J. Canty, MC, USN who established an outstanding reputation for the center at Mare Island, will head the treatment and training program for amputees at this hospital.

The Red Cross Craft shop, moved to make room for the Amputee Center, will reopen Monday in Building 31 across the street from Ward 43, and the Lounge has been temporarily established in Building 132, topside.

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Watkins & Troupe Wow Knoll Audience

Ben Watkins and his eight-piece band set the tempo for the stage show given in the auditorium on Wednesday night with music straight from the Mississippi, and every one of the seven acts which followed carried it on to produce one of the best shows given at this station in recent months.

Four junior high and high school students, Babette Carey, Kay Hess, Dave Thorne and Joanie Barston, put themselves over with a dispatch and ease which would have pleased the most exacting of Old Troupers—which is understandable. Babette has been singing and dancing for seven years and now conducts her own

dancing school; Thorne has been entertaining for five years and has made several appearances here before. Joanie spent a week at the Orpheum and has been on television with Dude Martin. Only Kay professed to no previous experience, a fact which was unnoticed.

A young woman from Ohio, Dolores Vitarella, who has performed several times on wards, sang three perennially favorite semi-classics to give a welcome interlude to the jazz which had marked the show, and Henry Starr, co-organizer of the troupe, accompanied himself on the piano with popular songs which made the audience cry for more.

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

Some few years ago, a silly custom prevailed, that of getting tattooed while on boot leave. An old "mustang" told me that it was nothing new; it existed way before the late war. He went on to say that a favorite caption used in the "Four-stacker Navy days" was "Death before dishonor." Some of the fellows wound up in Portsmouth, sorry for the tattoo as well as the dishonor.

It is a proven fact that the person who contributes much to his outfit is the man who follows the rules. Our Divine Lawmaker puts it plain enough. "If you love me, keep my Commandments" (John 14:15). Please note it is love that He seeks, not fear.

Those featured on our dishonor rolls, the headlines of today, are young men and women who fear law and order. Yes! it's the "cop-haters" that turn out to be the "dead end kiddies" of our time.

Has it ever occurred to you that the scandal sheets have never cited a single case wherein an ex-G-Man has acted dishonorably. To refresh your minds in connection with the term "G-Men," allow me this deviation.

In the early morning hours of September 26, 1933, a small group of men surrounded a house in Memphis, Tenn. In the house was George "Machine-gun" Kelly, late of Leavenworth Penitentiary. He was wanted by the FBI for kidnaping. For two months FBI agents had trailed the gangster and his wife, Kathryn Kelly. Quickly the men of the FBI, accompanied by local law enforcement officers, closed in around the house, and entered.

"We are Federal Officers . . . Come out with your hands up . . ."

"Machine-gun" Kelly stood cowering in a corner. His heavy face twitched as he gazed at the men before him. Reaching trembling hands up towards the ceiling he whimpered, "Don't shoot, G-Men; don't shoot."

That was the beginning of a new name for the FBI agents. By the time Kelly had been convicted and had received his sentence of life imprisonment, the new nickname, an abbreviation of "Government Men," had taken hold throughout the underworld. Along the grapevine of the powerful empire of crime passed whispered words of warning about the "G-Men."

In one of the rooms of the Department of Justice building hangs the great blue and gold seal of the FBI. Engraved on the crown of the seal are the words, "Fidelity, Bravery, Integrity."

Beneath the seal hangs the bronze memorial plaque bearing the names of the special agents who have died in the line of duty. Behind that list is a history of battles in the crusade against crime. From it have come the traditions of the FBI.

F. J. KLAS

★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Monday—
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.
Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

HOT ROD SPECIALS

George B. Huttenings, SN, and Bob Harrison, SN, both patients on 75A, have turned out model hot rods that are truly things of beauty. Working on these projects in the Red Cross Craft Shop, the men have added radio gear, rear view mirror, windshield wipers, mud guards, rear parking lights, leather upholstery, and covered the engine with tinfoil. You should see the finished products!

In another field, also outstanding in craftsmanship, are the beautiful large copper pictures of tropical birds made by Wilfred J. Lica, NAB, patient on 60B. Copper is a medium even a beginner can enjoy as a craft project, but experience makes it possible to produce unusually fine and interesting decorations.

Pete Burneski, GMC, 62B, has learned to tie flies under the skilled instruction of Mrs. Evelyn Werschull, Craft Gray Lady. The wonderful part of this story is that Burneski went fishing recently and actually caught fish with a Royal Coachman and a Gray Hackle that he made. He caught bass and bluegill and was very pleased to find the flies really worked!

THIS SHOULD PUZZLE YOU

A wide variety of jigsaw puzzles of all sizes and description are available now. Come up topside, Community Service Building, in the Red Cross recreation room, and select as many as you like. Bed patients, see your ward recreation worker for these.

WE ARE TWENTY-ONE

Happy, but late, birthdays were celebrated Monday the 29th on Ward 60B in honor of Charles Dowden, SA, and Frederick Harshman, YNSN. Lollipops, champagne and chocolate cake were said to have been served as refreshments, but the champagne looked surprisingly like ginger ale. Anyway, the spirit of the occasion was there, as both men celebrated their twenty-first birthdays.

PATIENTS ENJOY DINNER

The Elks Club in Berkeley invited patients interested in crafts to a dinner at their club Wednesday evening. Miss Jean Alexander, staff worker, accompanied the group. Patients who were able to take advantage of this invitation were Frederick Harshman, YNSN, and Charles Dowden, SA, from 60B; Frank Griffin, EN3, from 62A; Charles Swiegard, HM1, from 60A, and Chief Montgomery Oliver from 49B. Mrs. Swiegard and Mrs. Oliver also attended the dinner. The Elks Club have been generous in their contributions to the Craft Shop, making it possible for all patients interested in crafts to have enough supplies, especially leather.

CRAFT SHOP NEWS

New glazes that will not smear or run have arrived for ceramics workers and new molds are expected any day. A wide variety of molds are available, making it mighty inviting to anyone wishing to make bowls, plates, wall decorations, mugs, figurines or what-have-you. You are most welcome to enjoy the ceramics work as well as other craft opportunities. Remember the Craft Shop is open every Monday evening and five days during the week — Monday through Friday.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

21 May
McLendon, James Matthew, to wife of Earl McLendon, FN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
ULRICH, Sidney Ray, to wife of Wallace Ulrich, SA, 5 pounds, 10 ounces.
LINTON, Sandra Kathleen, to wife of Nathan D. Linton, FCC, 9 pounds, 5 ounces.
THORPE, Robert Joseph, and Richard Davis, to wife of Wilbur L. Thorpe, YNC, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
LILLY, Sharon Marie, to wife of George Lilly, ADC, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
THOMPSON, John Scott, to wife of Charles Thompson, ADC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.
DAILEY, Mark Andrew, to wife of Billie Dailey, SN, 2 pounds, 10 ounces.

22 May
REYNOLDS, Hugh Decimus III, to wife of Hugh D. Reynolds, Jr., LTJG, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.
TRAINHAM, Mary Jane, and James Arthur III, to wife of James A. Trainham, Jr., 3 pounds, 4 ounces, and 3 pounds, 11 ounces.
TOWLE, Ellen Virginia, to wife of Barnaby Towle, LCDR, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

23 May
ROLLAND, Barbara Ann, to wife of William Rolland, FN, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
DOTY, Patricia Leah, to wife of Charles Doty, ETC, 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
DENNISON, Donna Kathleen, to wife of Daniel Dennison, ADC, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

24 May
LONG, Sandra Kay, to wife of James Long, HM1, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
CRAFT, Baby Boy, to wife of Lawrence Craft, ALC, 8 pounds, 10½ ounces.
BURNS, Christopher Neal, to wife of Robert Burns, Lt, 9 pounds, 3½ ounces.

25 May
BORGERT, Gregory Duane, to wife of Duane Borgert, ENS, 6 pounds, 11 ounces.
PARRISH, Charles Jackson, to wife of Hughie Parrish, HMC, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
ROBERTS, Rodney James, to wife of Perry Roberts, DC2, 7 pounds.
KING, Dee Ann, to wife of Albert King, BMC, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
WICK, John Glen II, to wife of Homer C. Wick, Jr., LTJG, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.
ERNST, Allen Dale, to wife of Albert Ernst, MM3, 8 pounds, 1 ounce.
BAZZELL, Cynthia, to wife of Benjamin Bazzell, SHSN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
JORDAN, Jeanne Marie, to wife of Charles Jordan, RDSN, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
COYLE, Anne Catherine, to wife of James J. Coyle, LCDR, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.
FIDDLER, Frederica Elizabeth, to wife of Frederic Fiddler, SKC, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

26 May
POWELL, Rodney Leonard, to wife of Wade Powell, AD3, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
SMITH, Leslie Joan, to wife of Wesley Smith, ACC, 7 pounds, 14 ounces.
BUTKOVICH, Paul Anthony, to wife of Marion Butkovich, CSC, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.
GLEASON, Karen Ritchie, to wife of Eugene Gleason, Lt, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

27 May
MOON, James Allen, to wife of Charles Moon, AL1, 5 pounds, 4½ ounces.
DUNCAN, Melissa Fleming, to wife of Robert C. Duncan, LTJG, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
WOODS, Jo Ann, to wife of Joe Woods, TN, 4 pounds, 13 ounces.
GREEN, Baby Girl, to wife of Maurice Green, ADC, 7 pounds.

A Bostonian was showing an Englishman the sights of his native city and finally took him to the Bunker Hill monument. "This is where Warren fell you know," he explained.

The Englishman looked pensive up at the tall shaft. "Nasty drop! Killed him of course!"

Patient Thankful For "Everything"

Wednesday, 17 May, 1950

Dear Sirs:

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to your hospital, the staff and facilities for their assistance in my recovery. At no time was I ever made to feel I was just a case. If it had not been for the conscientious efforts of Doctors Streit, Thornburg and Friend I'm certain I would still be "ailing" instead of "well on the road to recovery."

Thanks again for everything. It certainly was appreciated.
Sincerely,

MRS. SHIRLEY STEFFEN



More than 400 persons, including staff officers and their wives and a number of guests from other Bay Area Naval activities turned out for the Hail and Farewell party held Saturday night at the Club in honor of departing and arriving staff members. Among the honorees were Captain and Mrs. K. H. Vinnedge (right), who are now en route to U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes Illinois, where he will serve as head of the radiology department, a post he had held at this hospital since July 1946 and LTJG and Mrs. J. H. Lawson (left), whose next assignment will take them to the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri, where Dr. Lawson has been granted a Navy fellowship. In the center picture, CDR Tracy D. Cuttle, chairman of the entertainment committee of the Club talks with Rear Admiral Frederick R. Hook, MC, USN (Ret), this hospital's second Commanding Officer.

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By Glenn W. Oberlin

Surprised? Or did you, like many others, know it was me all along? Just goes to prove that you can't even fool the fools these days. No offense there . . . And now, what's going on at Oak Knoll.

Snickers of the week . . . If you want to see an assortment of colors appear on the face of W. Jones, nite corpsman on 66, just drop a hint as to how his knitting is coming along. Now there's a boy with a future.

Society in the news . . . Bostrom, galley corpsman of 70A, wants it known that he associates with the upper, upper stratosphere in society. One example of this is that his girl, one of many, addresses her love letters to him perfectly, except for one minor detail. She spells "Corps" "C-o-r-e." Yes, sir, that sophistication.

Mystery of the week . . . It may be Mother Nature or possibly something out of a bottle, but whatever it is, it's certainly turning G. Young, nite corpsman on 67, to a light, even blond. I can think of several females who'd give a lot for that secret. Did I say something wrong?

Torture . . . It's not enough that we have to rise in the wee hours of the morning and go out to awaken the birds, but being forced to listen to B. A. Branson's (61B) singing (using the word loosely) is going a mite too far. Well, at least he breaks the morning low-down feeling.

Just a thought . . . Why is it that the characters who are "experts on gambling" are the ones who spend their liberty week ends listening to the radio? If you know what I mean.

Looking for a good auto repair man? "Red" D. is the man for the job. He can break down, build back up, and have parts left over. Anyway, that's what he did to his . . . uh Cadillac, and, surprisingly, it still runs. "Didn't need them in the first place," he says.

Minnesota contains more than 11,000 lakes.

ARC Craft Shop, Lounge in New Location

The Red Cross Craft Shop and Recreational facilities in building 102 have moved to the following locations:

CRAFT SHOP—NEW LOCATION

The craft shop will open Monday in building 31, located across the street from ward 43. Accumulated referrals from bed patients as well as ambulatory patients will be taken care of in the next few days as quickly as craft workers are able to service these requests. Time and patience is needed during the settling period, but it will be possible very soon to handle craft

requests as they come in.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES—

The recreation lounge will be open each evening 1900 to 2100 Monday through Friday topside building 132. This building is located across the driveway from the bag room and Marine Headquarters near ward 44. This location is temporary until such time as the new permanent recreational facilities are ready. Watch the Red Cross bulletin board in the Community Service Building lobby for notices announcing ambulatory recreational activities.

Who's Who At The Hospital

From Des Moines, Iowa, comes Donald M. Fisk, HA, who is currently on duty on ward 63 A. Born in Mason City, Iowa, Fisk moved to his enlistment spot and there attended high school, where he won two letters for cross-country running and one for tennis.

Singing is a favorite hobby of the corpsman, who has sung with a quartet in high school, in church choirs, and with a band in San Francisco.

An all-state basketball star for his high school in North Carolina, R. C. Fisher, HA on ward 42A, still found enough energy to participate in football and baseball and excel in both, although in these two sports he never quite hit the honors bestowed upon him in the court game.

Fisher enlisted in his home state on 28 June 1949 for a one-year hitch and reported here from Mare Island on 13 April. A student before his enlistment, Fisher now spends his spare time going on liberty or building model ships.

One of the newest arrivals from Corps School is Dale L. Rutemeyer, HA, 42A, who reported here from San Diego just two weeks ago. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Rutemeyer enlisted in his present home town of Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 8 September 1949. Before enlisting, he attended high school in that city and while there his outstanding achievement in sports was his work on the basketball team.

"Ice skating, ice skating, and just a little more ice skating are my favorite means of passing spare time," says A. G. Coleman, HA, on ward 49B. And it must be true, because that is his favorite form of recreation, time-killer, and the best-performed sport in his repertoire. And he should be good at it since he hails from Astoria and Portland, Oregon, where ice skaters far outnumber swimmers.

Coleman enlisted in Portland on 26 May 1949, after attending high school in that city and arrived at Oak Knoll from Mare Island in March of this year.

Big Turnout Expected At Port Picnic Sunday

While memories of the first picnic still ring in starboard corpsmen's heads, port corpsmen will have their chance tomorrow at Tilden Regional Park in the Berkeley Hills, where swimming in Lake Anza will be a popular part of the program. The picnic is to be held in the Anza View area about one mile from the lake in a cool, hilly section of the park.

The starboard picnic was a great success, with about 150 attending. More are expected at the port picnic, and plenty of food and drinks will be provided for all, according to members of the Welfare and Recreation Department who are planning the outing.

Sunday's picnic will be the second in a series of four to be given during the summer months. Persons planning to attend may take their own cars; others may catch a bus leaving the Community Service Building at 1100. A light snack will be served at 1300; steaks and accessories will enter the firing line at 1630.

Welcome and Farewell

Six persons were detached and four reported aboard during the period of 24 to 31 May. Detached were Captain K. H. Vinnedge, to USNH, Great Lakes, Ill.; LTJG F. P. Hammon, to Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia; LTJG J. H. Lawson, to Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri; ENS Jean E. Peterson, to civilian life; and T. L. Adams and E. M. Reddick, HA's, to USNH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Reporting were, LT Elsie V. Stewart, from USS General W. A. Mann; L. A. Heinz, HM3, from Naval Medical School, NNMC, Bethesda, Maryland; G. C. Metzger, HN, from U. S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, New York; and C. E. Pace, HN, from Hospital Corps School, San Diego, California.

The biggest mushroom on record in the United States measured five feet, one inch in circumference.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday, 4 June

BRIGHT LEAF—Gary Cooper, Lauren Bacall. Gary Cooper heads the cast as the man who returns to his former town set to break the tobacco interests which forced him and his family from their home. He starts small but slowly strangles competitors until he heads a tobacco empire. The government then steps in with an anti-trust suit, by which time Cooper is an unscrupulous, cruel and friendless executive whose wife has used their brief marriage to expose his monopolistic practices.

Monday, 5 June

THE NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES—Edward G. Robinson, Gail Russell, John Lund. No available information.

Tuesday, 6 June

LOVE THAT BRUTE—Jean Peters, Paul Douglas. The theme has Douglas as the syndicate leader who has built a facade of ruthlessness around his basically soft heart. His softness is exposed when all his victims appear on the scene very much alive after a comfortable life in his jail-like cellar. The gang wars break out into the open again but Douglas manages to break with the underworld and there are indications that he will live a peaceful life with Miss Peters.

Wednesday, 7 June

TEXAS DYNAMO—Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette. No available information.

Thursday, 8 June

HOUSE BY THE RIVER—Lee Bowman, Louis Hayward. "House By The River" is marked by a brooding, foreboding atmosphere, a characteristic of other Lang films, and is essentially a character study of two brothers—one a weak killer with no conscience, who capitalizes on his crime (Louis Hayward), and the other, the direct opposite (Lee Bowman).

Friday, 9 June

MY FRIEND IRMA GOES WEST—Marie Wilson, John Lund. This is a sequel to "My Friend Irma" and the same characters remain the same. Al is still unemployed; Jane still has ideals about show business for her boy friend Steve; Steve and Seymour are still partners and Irma remains her unpredictable self.

Saturday, 10 June

KNOCK ON ANY DOOR—Humphrey Bogart, Susan Perry. A replay with no available information.

NP's Beat AdMen For Second Spot

With two games postponed and Tuesday and Wednesday open dates, activity in the Intra-Departmental league was limited to two games, one of them a make-up of an earlier postponement. The CPO's retained leadership and their perfect record when they postponed their game with CSR on Thursday, 25 May.

Although still a game out of first place, the N.P. Techs advanced on the idle officers by downing the AdMen Friday, 26 May, 9 to 4, in a well-pitched ball game for both chuckers. Wolfe, making his initial appearance on the mound for the N.P. Techs, limited the AdMen to four hits and struck out eleven in the four-inning contest. Cooper, also making his first tour on the rubber, was no less effective for the AdMen, giving up six hits and retiring five via the strike-out route.

In the first contested game of the season, the AdMen were adjudged winners over the CSR crew, 10 to 9, in a make-up game Thursday, 25 May. The rhubarb occurred because the CSRs thought they too had scored 10 runs and had a good argument to back them up. A meeting of the managers and scorekeeper gave satisfactory proof that the contested run didn't score, and the AdMen had their third victory.

A. K. Hunter was the winning pitcher for the AdMen, giving up six hits in five innings, and E. K. Kitagawa was charged with the loss for the CSRs, although he gave up only five hits.

No home runs were hit in the two games, but Muscatel of the N. P. team did displace W. L. Morris in the top five hitters by boosting his average to .555. Only other change occurred when M. H. Myers, manager of the N. P.'s, passed the idle Civilians' Madeiros with a .562.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	GB
CPO Club	4	0	1.000	
N. P. Techs	5	2	.714	1
Officers	4	2	.666	1
Administration	3	4	.428	2½
Civilians	1	4	.200	3½
CSR	0	5	.000	4½

BATTING LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Hoffman, CPO	4	11	3	7	.637
Beer, Officers	3	10	7	6	.600
Myers, N.P. Techs	5	16	9	9	.562
Madeiros, Civilians	3	11	5	6	.555
Muscatel, N.P. Techs	5	11	4	6	.555

Presidio WACS Down Spirited Knoll Nurses

If only spirit instead of runs won ball games!

Beaten in their first five outings to date, the Nurses' softball team of this station nevertheless has yet to be headed in the spirit department.

Wednesday they traveled to San Francisco to play the Presidio WACS. Although beaten in the first few innings, the Nurses still regarded the game as belonging to their win column until the last out was recorded.

Lt. Frances R. Kissinger continued her fine pitching, limiting the WACS to eight true hits. She also got the first hit and scored the first run for the Nurses.

Ens. Margaret Jungers, center fielder, got the second hit for the locals when she hit a line-drive double into right-center field in the fifth inning.

Although playing a position entirely new to her, Beverly Scheidt, HN, covered ground at shortstop as if she were Marty Marion's protege, stopping balls which would normally have gone for long singles and possibly doubles. Between her and Ens. Geraldine Baldey, playing a strange third base, few balls went into the outfield.

Lt. Margaret Mariniak, left fielder for the Nurses, scored the second run. With no one down, Kissinger got aboard on an error and went to second when the WACS' second baseman muffed Mariniak's ground ball. Both advanced on a passed ball, and Scheidt scored Kissinger on a fielders' choice. Jungers brought Mariniak home when Scheidt was thrown out at second.

Peons Lose NAS, Oakland Hands Locals Second Loss

Big Oscar Lindblad was tagged for his second defeat in 12 ND play Wednesday afternoon as the Peons went down to defeat at the hands of the NAS, Oakland nine, 8 to 4, on the Peons' home grounds.

The defeat came as a result of the usually imperturbable Oscar's losing his control to walk several batters, thereby continually keeping himself in hot water. A few errors and several timely hits didn't help the situation any.

C. A. Johnson, backstop for the Peons, continued his lengthy hitting by driving out a triple which could possibly have been stretched into a home run, and Chaplain R. F. McComas, manager of the team, brought his already zooming batting average even higher by getting two solid line-drive singles.

Going into the third inning, the Peons led the winners 1 to 0. In that inning, three walks, an error and two hits gave the Fliers a 3-1 lead. One run was snatched back in the final half of that inning when Johnson's triple drove in McComas. The Fliers added two more runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth to put the game in the bag and push the Peons into a won 3, lost 2 category in 12 ND league play.

The game was scheduled to take place on the NAS diamond, but because of roughness of the field it was transferred to Oak Knoll.

Samuel F. B. Morse was an eminent painter before he invented telegraphy. He painted a scene showing a man in death-agony once, and asked a physician friend to examine it. "Well?" Morse inquired after the doctor had scrutinized the picture. "What's your comment?"

The physician removed his spectacles, turned to Morse and commented, "Malaria!"

Golfers Lose Third; VR2 Wins, 13 to 2

At the hands of the VR2 contingent from Alameda, the Knoll golfers went down to defeat for the third time this year, 13 to 2, Thursday, 25 May, at the Lake Chabot golf course.

It was the second straight defeat for the locals and the second time this season that they have been almost whitewashed.

LTJG J. H. Spence and LTJG J. F. Test prevented a shutout as they took a point and a half and a half-

point, respectively, from their opponents. Spence carded an 82 to annex his 1½ points from Bergstrasser's 82, and Test an 87 to take one-half point from Lawson's 85.

LTJG J. W. Cross, the unluckiest man on the squad, was joined in the high scores as three of the Knollites carded an 88 or better; Capt. G. H. Ekblad, usually a consistently low scorer, 88; Cannell, a newcomer to the team, 91, and Cross, with an even 90.



With this contribution, William E. Wiley, HN, begins his series of cartoons which will be run in each issue of this paper. Wiley, who is detailed to the swimming pool, has had no previous cartooning experience, but his works were just too good to be passed up; then, too, they will always be improving. As you'll notice, they are truly scenes of the compound. Hope you like them. Ye Ed.



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Olympics Champion Patient on 40A

Glenn E. Morris, the man whom Bob Mathias hopes to displace as holder of the Decathlon Championship and who once played Tarzan in the movies, is now a patient on 40B.

Morris, 38, a big, soft-spoken man who likes to refer to others as "Big bruisers" in spite of his own six feet and 200 pounds plus, set the record at the 1936 Olympics when he compiled the amazing total of 7900 points to win the "Man of the Olympics" award and nose out Jesse Owens for the Sullivan Award.

After the Olympic Games, Mr. Morris worked for NBC with Bill Stern, and it was there that he was "found" for the role of Tarzan by Sol Lesser of the now defunct Principal Productions studio. Formerly, the Tarzan productions cost approximately \$2,000,000, but in "Tarzan's Revenge," the athlete's first film, costs were cut to less than \$300,000, and the outcome was so disappointing to Mr. Morris that he quit.

He made two other pictures in Hollywood before joining the Detroit Lions' football team in 1940, but his football career was cut short in 1941 when he broke his leg in a pre-season practice game.

Although the champion's greatest fame came from the track and field world, football has always been his first love. At Colorado A&M, where he received his diploma, he took up low-hurdling to further his speed and agility at end position on the football team and was so successful that he held the Rocky Mountain Conference Championship for the three years he participated.

His athletic career began in a small high school in Eastern Colorado when, as an almost unknown, he entered a state meet and missed becoming high-point man of the meet by only one-half point.

He joined the Navy in October, 1942, as a Seaman Second Class, but was commissioned LTJG in Bremer-ton in April, 1944. During the war, he served in Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and was discharged on 1 July, 1947, as a full Lieutenant.

25 Voices Needed For Beginning Mixed Chorus

Possibility of organizing a mixed choral group to represent the hospital loomed this week as Welfare and Recreation announced that funds for music and instruction would be provided if enough members of the staff are interested.

At least 25 singers are needed for the chorus, which will be trained by an instructor from the U.C. Extension Division Music School.

Chaplain McComas is taking the names of all who are interested, and just as soon as 25 or more members of the staff have signed up, arrangements will be made for the first meeting. A series of 15 weekly sessions will be scheduled at a time selected by members of the chorus. The only requirement for membership is the desire to sing.

Still Time to Enroll In Piano Classes

Piano classes, beginning and intermediate, were organized Tuesday night in a special meeting held in the chapel, when Richard Gaw, instructor, played several numbers for the group. Classes of four may start piano lessons at any time, and there may be openings in the groups scheduled to start late this month. For further information on the piano classes, call Miss Dorothy Thompson at 120 or Mrs. Margaret Holder at UC. The telephone number there is ASHberry 3-6000, Ext. 696.

Food Handlers Finish Course, Now Certified

Thirty-one galley corpsmen from this base satisfactorily passed the Food Handlers Test given recently, thereby becoming certified food handlers. This will entitle them to work in a galley wherever they may be sent if they so choose.

Those certified were Frank A'arcon, Bruce K. Alguire, Fred R. Bostrom, William P. Carden, Frank W. Chambers, Leo P. Fillion, Bennett Y. Fonsworth, Richard C. Fisher, James F. Fisher, Paul D. Grice, Billy A. Griffin, Aubrey L. Hallum, Carl R. Harlan, Archibald F. Harrison, Thomas E. Hays, William R. Holliday, Alvis B. James, "G" "H" Jennings, Harold W. Jones, John E. Ki'ner, Daniel G. Lynch, Wilburn R. Michael, Lewie G. Miller, Billy L. Moore, Gerald L. Munnix, William Nimitz, Robert Nordstrom, John J. Pratt, Byron M. Skaug, Richard C. Yeager, and George F. Young.



E. M. Taylor, HN, currently on duty at the Officer's Club, is here pictured in the regalia he will wear while participating in the Livermore Champion Rodeo today and tomorrow. He will be wearing number 56 when he competes in the bull riding and bare-back bronc riding contests.

In his native Texas, Taylor competed in many rodeos, winding up at least third several times. He will be Oak Knoll's only entry in the rodeo at Livermore, but a number of his chipmates plan to be on hand to watch him perform.

12ND Tennis Matches Here Next Week

A tournament to select tennis players to represent the Twelfth Naval District in West Coast play will be held at the Oak Knoll courts next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 13, 14, and 15 June. Ben Harris, director of athletics for this district, announced recently.

Thirty or forty participants are expected to play in the three-day tourney. Play will begin at 0930 every day and will continue until 1630 or until the last match of the day is concluded.

Also on the tennis calendar is this station's second tournament, which will begin the week following the 12 ND tournament. Ten persons will participate, according to Coach Joe Reginato. In the first round of competition, M. H. Myers, HM1, will meet E. Cannell, HMC; M. Connelly, HM3, will meet LTJG D. R. Easter; R. E. Randall, HA, will meet K. E. Irrgang, HA; LTJG H. A. Streit will meet LTJG H. Peddicord, and LTJG H. G. Fuller and Captain J. R. George drew byes.

Benefit Brings in Substantial Sum For Navy Relief

Facts and figures about the recent Navy Relief Drive were released this week by Chaplain R. F. McComas, who, like many others, is still lamenting the fact that none of the valuable prizes offered were won by Oak Knoll personnel.

However, the purpose of the drive was fulfilled when the sale of tickets for the benefit totaled \$17,877, half of which went into prizes and half of which goes into funds for visiting nurse service, loans, and many other services to Naval personnel. Well over \$1000 of this sum was collected here during the month that the ticket sale was in progress, and another \$247 was taken in by the hospital when the officer's circus animal booth netted \$200 and the enlisted men's penny pitch game cleared \$47.

Winner of the 1950 Lincoln six-passenger coupe, first prize in the drawing that climaxed the drive and the three-day carnival at NAS, Alameda, was Donald E. Gregerson, AMAA, USN, of Alameda. Second prize, a 1950 Chevrolet, went to Mrs. Anna Skagren, Alameda resident; and third prize, a \$1000 bond, went to Joseph Wilson, civilian employee.

During the three days the carnival was in progress, 12,000 persons attended and spent a total of \$14,820 at booths and concessions. All of this money will go into Navy Relief funds for the coming year.

At Oak Knoll, LT Robert O. Harrison, MSC, Commissary Officer, led the ticket sales with a total of 112.

In making these figures known, Chaplain McComas expressed his appreciation for the fine cooperation given by all salesmen and by those whose contributions will help the Navy "take care of its own."

Three Staff Officers Promoted to Higher Rank

Three staff medical officers are receiving congratulations and wearing new stripes as a result of recent promotions.

LCDR John D. Langston of Pathology has been promoted to Commander with date of rank effective November 5, 1945; Dr. Frank W. Cleary of the Orthopedic Department has been promoted from Lieutenant to Lieutenant-Commander, date of rank effective January 1, 1946, and Lieutenant Junior Grade Julius H. Spence, resident in anesthesiology, is now a full Lieutenant, his date of rank effective November 1, 1949.

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Another Patient Expresses Satisfaction

Boise, Idaho
June 2, 1950

Commanding Officer
Oak Knoll Naval Hospital
Oakland 14, California

This is to express my appreciation of the wonderful care I received at Oak Knoll between March 20th and May 15th of this year. Even with wards packed to their very limit I was still treated with individuality as I'm sure each and every other patient was.

I especially want to express my gratitude to my Surgeons—Captain Abernethy and Captain Dickinson. I feel more than fortunate to have had their superior services. The same appreciation to Dr. Knott and staff in Ward 69A. I couldn't have been treated finer anywhere.

Mrs. Emerson and Nurses in 72A also made my recovery speedier and more pleasant.

Can't possibly say enough for the entire staff at Oak Knoll.

Sincerely,
PHOEBE C. WILLIAMS

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

In the early days of the Christian Church when the Roman Empire persecuted those who were known to be Christian, it was expedient for the propagation of the faith that they keep their identity secret. If they were caught they would bravely face death at the hands of the Romans rather than renounce Christ, but since there was as much to be gained by living for Christ as by dying for Him, they kept their identity unknown to the Roman officials as long as possible. To identify each other, one Christian would draw part of a fish on the ground with his staff. If the stranger to whom he was talking was a Christian he would finish it and they would know it was safe to talk to each other about Christ. If we did not know the background of it, it would seem strange that one would have to make a mark in the sand to let another know that he was a believer in Christ. Now that we do not have to hide our faith but can shout it from the house-tops in safety, some of us still do a pretty good job of concealing it. If we seldom go to church, if we don't talk to others about the saving power of our faith, and if others can't tell from the way we live that we are motivated by the spirit of Christ, how is the non-believer ever going to be made to realize that Christianity is vital to abundant living? It is the affirmation of our faith that when the spirit of Christ truly touches a man it will be no secret to his fellowmen that something wonderful has happened. As Paul put it, he will be "transformed." He will be "reborn"—renewed in the inner man. The Christian in spirit as well as name will let his light so shine before men that they may see his good works.

ROBERT F. McCOMAS

★ ★ ★ ★ Divine Services ★ ★ ★ ★

- Protestant:**
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Monday—
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.
- Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

PATIENTS FORM NEW SOFTBALL TEAMS

Two softball teams were formed last week of patients from wards 43, 47, and 48, and the first unscheduled practice game was held a week ago Friday. The "Helpless Nine" from Ward 43 edged out the "48ers" from Wards 47 and 48 by a slight margin of two points.

With the help of Mr. Reginato, Athletic Director, and Miss Kay White, Red Cross recreation worker, the 48ers met the Central Supply team Monday evening. At the last half of the 7th inning, the score was 14 to 9 in favor of the CSR crew. From then on, the tide rapidly turned to favor the 48ers, ending in an upset 16 to 14. The umpire for this game was Private August Brindman.

Robert Aiken, DC3, and Charles Cook, QM3 co-managers, head the following 48ers team: Joseph Mitchell, CS3, Robert Young, DC3, C. D. Messmire, YN3, Robert Penberthy, PFC, James Smith, SN, Max Kuespert, YN3 and A. Stone, SN.

The "Helpless Nine" team headed by Manager Delbert K. Scott, SN, is as follows: Keith Hewitt, SM3, Clarence Cotton, BM3, Michael Miller, PFC, Norman Sterling, FN, Ulyses Thomas, FN, Kenneth Franklin, AA, Ronald Angel, SN, and James Knight, SN.

Watch for announcements on scheduled games playing soon.

SEMO TO SAMOA

Semo, SN, (yes—that is his first, last, and middle name, and is so recorded on Navy records) Ward 60B, from Samoa, was the lucky winner of a telephone call home Sunday. Each week four patients are invited to Sunday morning KLX breakfast at the El Nido club in Lafayette. The patient who lives the farthest away is given a telephone call to his home. Semo had no competition in this long distance contest, but Samoa being so very far away, Semo sent a telegram.

Congratulations are in order to Veteran Charles Maggi of 71B on his 65th birthday celebrated 5 June. The Monday evening Gray Ladies presented Maggi with a beautiful cake which he happily shared with the rest of the men on the ward. Mr. Maggi has spent 27 years in the Navy, four of them in Brazil. He is now living on a ranch at Live Oak, California.

JUNE GROOM

It is something of a record, too, to observe a 32nd wedding anniversary as Marc Brann of 75B did this last Wednesday. Brann is a veteran of the First World War.

HE'S AN EXPERT!

Checkers Champion, A. R. Mergenthal, 71B, ought to be a challenge to anyone who likes good opposition in this game. "Tex," as he is called, is a Marine Sgt. Major, retired after 30 years in the service. The tales he tells, too, as a publicity man, are many and fascinating.

Also on 71B, is a first-rate sign painter and artist in oils and water-color. James J. Matthews, Army veteran of World War I, has not only displayed his creative talents but claims 1400 hours in the air.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

28 May

QUALLS, Danny Le Roy, to wife of Fred Qualls, BM1, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.
CAMPBELL, Margaret Ann, to wife of Kenneth Campbell, PFC, 7 pounds.
EMLET, Vicki Lillian, to wife of Roy Emlet, OMSN, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
KELLEHER, Kathleen Ann, to wife of Daniel Kelleher, DC1, 9 pounds, 4 ounces.
RICHARDSON, Hal, Jr., to wife of Hal Richardson, SN, 7 pounds, 13½ ounces.
LONGBOTHAM, Steve, to wife of Weldon Longbotham, Major, 7 pounds.
JONES, Baby Girls, to wife of James Jones, RDSA, 5 pounds, 3 ounces.

29 May

HUNSUCKER, Cynthia Jean, to wife of William Hunsucker, FN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
NACE, Raymond Richard, to wife of Raymond Nace, AE2, 7 pounds, 15 ounces.
GLASS, Steven Michael, to wife of Thomas Glass, AO2, 4 pounds, 4 ounces.
COOK, Baby Girl, to wife of William Cook, YNC, 7 pounds.
ZUMWALT, Susan Ellen, to wife of Marvin Zumwalt, LTJG, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
MALBY, Susan Patricia, to wife of James Malby, TMC, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
BELLINO, Michael Dominick, to wife of Joseph Bellino, Capt., USA, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

30 May

BARKER, Lester Ivan, to wife of Fred W. Barker III, SH3, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.
EVANS, Michale Marie, to wife of Charles Evans, BM3, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
STANLEY, Lenora Jean, to wife of Hugh Stanley, AT1, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

31 May

SMITH, Linda Ruth, to wife of Ralph Smith, PFC, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
WIPPRECHT, Baby Boy, to wife of Harry Lee Wipprecht, RM1, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.
RICKMAN, Baby Boy, to wife of William Rickman, RMC, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
YEE, James, to wife of Young Chin Yee, SDC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

1 June

DAWSON, Carol Lee, to wife of Edward Lee Dawson, HA, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.
MATTHEWS, John Steven, to wife of John Matthews, AD3, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
ROYAL, Myrtle Anacene, to wife of Anderson Royal, SDC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
MITCHELL, James David, to wife of John Mitchell, FN, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
TABELLIJA, Gerald Edralin, to wife of Abraham Tabellija, SKSN, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

2 June

PETERSON, Larry Wayne, to wife of Robert Peterson, YN3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.
GREENE, James Lee, to wife of James Greene, CPL, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
TRUNNELL, Cynthia Ann, to wife of Joseph Trunnell, DK2, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

3 June

BUMP, Michael Allen, to wife of Donald M. Bump, SN, 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
WILSON, Glenda Rae, to wife of Richard Wilson, CS3, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.
WARTELLE, Baby Girl, to wife of Ferdinand Wartelle, AOC, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
McGEE, Ted Dawson, to wife of Harold McGee, SK3, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.
DURHAM, Steven Michael, to wife of Thomas Durham, AOC, 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

Some People Win Prizes

Proof that people we know do win contests came recently when Miss Mildred Priego won a Zenith Combination Television set, first prize in a contest sponsored by the Spanish Club of San Francisco. Miss Priego, on the Red Cross clerical staff, bought the winning ticket merely because she wanted to attend the picnic to which it served as admission.

MULE TEAM PANICKED

Newark, Ark. (AFPS)—A team of mules ran away with a wagon here recently when they were frightened by the strains of "Mule Train" coming from a juke box.

BUTTON, BUTTON!

Manila (AFPS)—The largest robbery of its kind in the world occurred recently in the Philippines, and the Army stands to suffer the loss: 576,000 buttons.

The first 17 women doctors to complete their medical internship under the Navy civilian intern training program have been ordered to duty this month in hospitals and dispensaries in the U. S. for 24 months of active duty.

Who's Who . . .

Although football is his favorite sport, **Charles S. Rutherford**, HA, of Ward 47A, took time enough in high school to earn two letters in basketball in addition to walking off with two football awards before he joined the Navy in his native Texas.



Rutherford was born in Tulla, Texas, but enlisted in Abilene on 14 October, 1948. After preliminary training, he was sent to Mare Island, where he remained until coming here on 7 March of this year.

In addition to football and basketball, Rutherford is an avid swimmer and can usually be found at the swimming pool when not on duty or liberty.

"What spare time?" questioned **Archie McCormick**, HA, of 61A when asked about that part of his life. That was only a preliminary thought,

for he later amended his answer to "Sit and rant and rave against California. I'm from Florida."

McCormick left his native Jacksonville on 23 November, 1948,

to go to San Diego for that phase of necessary drudgery affectionately known as "Boot Camp," and after Corps School came to Oak Knoll on 24 July, 1949.

The greatest thrills he gets out of life, he says, is when it rains or is cloudy. "Then my days here are perfect."

D. R. Solum, HN, of Ward 52, comes from the potato state of Idaho, having been born and raised in the city of Montpelier. He was a college student before signing into the Navy, but on a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, he found himself alone and friendless except for a recruiting officer, and to please that gentleman he signed the necessary papers then and there on 9 November, 1948.



Chemistry and carpentry are hobbies of former college student, **Richard R. Mascarenas**, HN, of Ward 52, who arrived at this base from Mare Island on 8 March, 1950.

Mascarenas is from Colorado and had put in two years in Adams State College in that state before signing the dotted line in Denver in



1948. He was a member of Company 290's championship whale boat racing crew in Boot Camp and for that received a medal which he still cherishes.

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By Glenn W. Oberlin

Ah! Man! The joint was jumping! This was during the stage show last Wednesday when Ben Watkins and Henry Starr presented a red hot band and other shaky and shapely young things. And in case anyone is interested, the oldest of the females, dancers, that is, had just turned fifteen. "Stomp a Hole in the Deck" Breedlove and "You Tell 'em" Hager were among the front-rowers who were sent by the music. Or was it the corner? Anyway, everyone appeared to have a helavah good time.

A few columns ago, we said something about Woods and his lacerated bean. Well, he's done it again. Ironically, at the Starboard picnic he injured the right side of his head. Now, from the Port picnic, it's the left side of his head. Wonder what would happen if both watches had a picnic together?

Do you know baseball? If not, just ask C. A. Johnson. He's the kind that becomes trapped between home plate and third base and then runs to second base. Okay, so he was feeling frisky. It still just don't look right to me.

Eye-Opener . . . There are certain books in a certain locker that have something to do with cards . . . marking, dealing, etc., etc. Isn't that right, Mr. "S"?

Was it George Wright of the Allergy clinic who the other night hopped into a taxi at the corner of 13th and Broadway and said, pointing to the big revolving sign, "Jusht follow that shign, Driver."

Coming up in the world . . . Who else but M. C. Smith? Must be when a tall, alluring blonde whom he has never met begins asking about him at the P. Isle. Lucky dog.

And another corpsman bit the dust . . . Jason Seale is now making preparations for his forthcoming ceremony. That was he I saw scanning the pay list for his best man, wasn't it? The best of luck to you, Seale.

Welcome and Farewell

Seven persons were detached and six reported aboard during the period of 1 to 7 June. Detached were CDR R. R. Powell, to USNH, Oceanside, California; LT Marie B. Goldthwaite, to USNH, Bethesda, Maryland; J. L. Culp, HMC, to Beach Master Unit, NavPhib Base, Coronado, California; W. B. Hobbs, HM1, to USS PRESIDENT JACKSON; R. E. Elster, HM1, to Beach Master Unit, NavPhib Base, Coronado, California; and D. E. Campbell, HM3, and P. A. Barone, HN, to NAS, Moffett Field, California.

Reporting were CDR R. L. Wagner, from Naval Hospital, Naval Medical Center, Guam, M. I.; LT Marie M. Schroeder, from U. S. Naval Air Station, Midway, Islands; LT Loraine E. Ceaglske, from USNH, Guantanamo, Cuba; ENS Beverly A. Coey, from USNH, Mare Island; H. E. King, HM2, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; and J. E. Holde-man, HN, from NNMCMC, Bethesda.



Pictured above are two of the four outstanding entertainers who will be presented in the auditorium Monday night, 12 June. The lovely lady is Doris Allan, comedienne, who has had persons all over California roar at her zany antics. The man is Don Stone, puppeteer, who manipulates the strings of his wooden actors as if he were a politician. Also in the show will be Ted Taylor, ventriloquist, and Harvey Bramer, comedian and impressionist, who will act as emcee.

National Spelling Bee Ends in Tie

Washington (AFPS) — The National Spelling Bee came out a draw with Colquitt Dean, 14, of College Park, Ga., and Diana Reynard, 12, of East Cleveland, Ohio, using up every word on the list and wearing down the judges as they vainly thumbed through dictionaries for more words. Each of the winners got \$500 after the officials admitted defeat.

For six hours the winners whittled down a field of 50 contestants. The kids conquered these teasers: Eleemosynary, supernumerary, chrysaloid, onomatopoeial, raillery, crepuscular, crustaceology, sycophant, interstitial, prescient, meretricious, and—this is a dilly—tergiversate.

Not one in the Press Club auditorium could define it, pronounce it or spell it. (The word means "to turn your back, to shift." It rhymes with "the jiggers-ate.")

While the harried judges sought new words the kids refilled on cokes and then tackled the new list. They waded through charlatan, umbrage, haruspex, ferrule, meerschaum and meticulousity. Then the judges gave up.

Pat Seward Off to Sea

Miss Muriel M. Seward, employee of the Civilian Personnel Office, has received her orders to report to NAS, Oakland, for a two-week training cruise from 9 July to 22 July. Miss Seward, better known as Pat, is a YNSA in the Naval Air Reserve Program.

Navy Builds Powerful African Radio Station

By Armed Forces Press Service

The Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks is constructing one of the most powerful radio stations in the world at the request of the State Department.

The station, located in the International Zone of Tangier, North Africa, will be used to beam Voice-of-America broadcasts to Northern Europe, the Balkans and the Near East.

Transmitter plant for the new station consists of four 100,000-watt

Army Once Had 80 EM, 1 Officer

Washington (AFPS) — Soon after the American Revolution ended, the order went out to discharge all Continental soldiers except an officer and 80 men who were to be retained to guard military stores at Fort Pitt and West Point.

This force, under command of Captain John Doughty, comprised the entire Army of the United States.

The Army today has a total strength of approximately 581,422 enlisted men and women and 77,272 officers, a total of 658,694.

Two Irishmen arranged to fight a duel with pistols. One of them was distinctly stout, and when he saw his lean adversary facing him he raised an objection. "Bedad," he said, "I'm twice as big a target as he is, so I ought to stand twice as far away from him as he is from me."

"Be easy now," replied his second. "I'll soon put that to right."

Taking a piece of chalk from his pocket, he drew two lines down the stout man's coat, leaving a space between them.

"Now," he said, turning to the other man, "Fire away, ye spalpeen, and remember that any hits outside those chalk lines don't count."

About half the annual U.S. egg production is laid in the four-month period from March through June.

A favorite dish in the French province of Champagne is dandelion and bacon salad.

transmitters and two 50,000-watt transmitters. The construction of the buildings is of modern style, attractive, but without ornamentation.

The Navy has found it necessary to build huge generating plants because of the inadequacy of local power and to install an exhaustive fire prevention system.

Construction was begun in mid-July, 1949, and the station is expected to be completed by 1 October, 1950.

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Peons Snap Losing Streak

Down EMS, 12-5

After dropping two successive games to mediocre teams, Big Oscar Lindblad and Peons Incorporated, Tuesday afternoon took nine of the best into camp when they defeated men of the Electronics Materiel School of Treasure Island, 12 to 5.

The game was the third that the two teams have played, and the Peons played it smart, losing both practice games, then coming back to trounce them when it counted.

The Electros threatened only once in the game, in the last inning of play when three walks and two hits brought in three runs and left two men on base as the last man popped out to Big Osk to end the game.

Gerald Zilch, first baseman of the victors, began the scoring in the first inning when he got life on a dropped third strike, went to second on a ground ball, and scored on two successive errors by the losers. In the second, shortstop Robert Lyons got on via another error, centerfielder Robert Glass made first when the catcher interfered with his bat, and Zilch brought Lyons home with a single. Lindblad then grounded third to first to score Glass.

The Peons' big uprising occurred in the fourth inning when seven runs were scored on singles by Lindblad, Glass, and left fielder C. A. Weitz, doubles by catcher C. A. Johnson and second sacker Charley Stevenson, and four errors by the Electros.

Two superfluous runs were scored in the fifth and sixth innings. R. F. McComas, third baseman, got aboard on a fielder's choice and scored on singles by Weitz and Stevenson and in the sixth, Glass made first on an error and scored on McComas' single.

In the third inning, Danny Martinez, first sacker for the losers, stepped to the plate. The coach at third base told Weitz to move over, and Weitz, thinking it was McComas talking, obligingly did so. On the next pitch, Danny tagged one to the vacated spot for a home run and the second run of the ball game for the visitors.



NP's Tilt CPO's To 1/2 Game Lead

Wolfe Hurls One-Hitter

The upset everyone was looking for came to pass Wednesday night when the high-flying Chief Petty Officers and their ace chucker, G. J. Hoffman came out on the short end of a 5 to 3 score at the hands of the challenging N. P. Techs and their hurler, E. L. Wolfe, who allowed only one hit while striking out six in the five-inning contest.

The win left the dark-horse N. P.'s just one-half game out of first place, and if the Chiefs should slip again from their usual form, the N. P.'s would take over undisputed first spot.

Going into the top of the final fifth inning, the Chiefs led 3 to 1 by virtue of a walk and an error and C. O. Martin's timely hit in the third the only one for the Chiefs, and a walk and nifty base-running by O. G. Haines in the fourth. But then the fatal fifth rolled around. With two gone, the winners put together a single, a double, and a triple, and the Chiefs obligingly threw in two errors to almost write finis to the most exciting ball game of the season.

The N. P.'s prepared for the upset Friday, 2 June, when they accepted sixteen walks and added fifteen hits to hand the CSRs an 18 to 6 drubbing for the latter's sixth straight loss. But, nothing daunted, the brave lads from CSR roared back Tuesday to beat the Civilians into the ground 7 to 0 via the forfeit route.

Thursday, 1 June, the Chiefs had stretched their lead into a game and a half when they downed the AdMen 21 to 2 in a fine pitching exhibition by Hoffman who gave up only four hits in racking up his fifth consecutive win and second four-hitter.

In the only other game of the week, the Officers latched more firmly onto third spot by knocking off the AdMen 18 to 8 Monday.

Bucs Lose Two, Capture One

After having been soundly trounced by Moffett Field in their first two meetings, the Pirates of Oak Knoll almost turned the tables Thursday, 1 June, by leading throughout most of the game, only to see three unearned runs score in the two final innings and give the Skymasters an 8 to 5 win, their third consecutive victory over the locals.

Revenge was garnered in a slight measure the next day though when the Pirates teed off against the USS Manchester nine in San Francisco for thirteen hits and an 8 to 7 extra-inning win.

Wednesday, 7 June, they played Treasure Island and were defeated.

Pirate errors again proved costly in the Moffett Field tilt, as the losers outhit the winners but also managed to out-misue them to let five unearned runs and a ball game slip across the final tally bag. The game was one of the best Steve Tamborski has hurled this year and was a heart breaker to lose. He allowed only four hits and struck out seven in his quest for victory.

The Manchester game was a get-em-while-you-can affair.

George Schroder, first sacker for the Bucs, drew first blood in the initial inning and with M. Neely, new-found pitcher for the Bucs, chucking one-hit ball, the score remained the same until the third inning when the Manchesterites slipped a man around the bases. In the fourth, the latent Pirate bats cracked out four singles and a bag-clearing triple by Schneider, center fielder, to move into a brief 5-1 lead. Brief is correct, because when the dust settled at the end of the fourth, the home boys had two hits, four runs, and a new ball game.

Not satisfied, they went on from there to score two in the sixth to set the stage for the dramatic comeback by the Bucs. With no outs Schroder, Bob Worsham, catching his first game for the Bucs, pinch-hitter W. O. Stephens, Tamborski, and shortstop G. "Shanks" Young laid the wood to the horsehide for five bingles, two runs, and another brand new ball game.

In the first extra inning, T. R. Forrest, right fielder, tripled into his own stomping grounds with one away. With the squeeze play on, he took off for home and made it easily as Schneider laid a perfect, game-winning bunt down the first base line.

Although the infield clicked for three double plays at Treasure Island, two by Young, Stephens, and Schroder, and one by Mullins, Stephens and Schroder, the locals were beaten as the Pirates of T. I. continued their unbeaten streak.

The score was 22 to 2. The two runs were scored in the first when Schroder walked and came in on Worsham's tremendous triple into center field. Worsham tallied minutes later on the catcher's error.

PREVIEWS

Sunday, 11 June
THE ADMIRAL WAS A LADY—Edmund O'Brien, Wanda Hendrix. O'Brien plays the part of a leader in a group of four congenial veterans who have made a science of subsisting both merrily and comfortably on the \$20 a week each receives as a member in good standing of the 52-20 club, and Miss Hendrix portrays an ex-Wave, similarly sustained, whom they meet in the pay-off line and take under their wings when they learn she has been waiting overlong for a sweetheart.

Monday, 12 June
COME TO THE STABLE—Loretta Young, Celeste Holm. No available information.

Tuesday, 13 June
THE LAWLESS—MacDonald Carey, Gail Russell. No available information.

Wednesday, 14 June
GOD IS MY CO-PILOT—Dennis Morgan, Dane Clark. This is a war picture which takes the audience to the air war over China.

Thursday, 15 June
HAPPY YEARS—Dean Stockwell, Daryl Hickman. Now and again a picture leaves the viewer with a warm, wonderful feeling of having witnessed a finely etched human document. Such a picture is "The Happy Years," a finely-blended Technicolor job, whose leisurely pace fits perfectly with the easy-going atmosphere of the Victorian era which the film concerns.

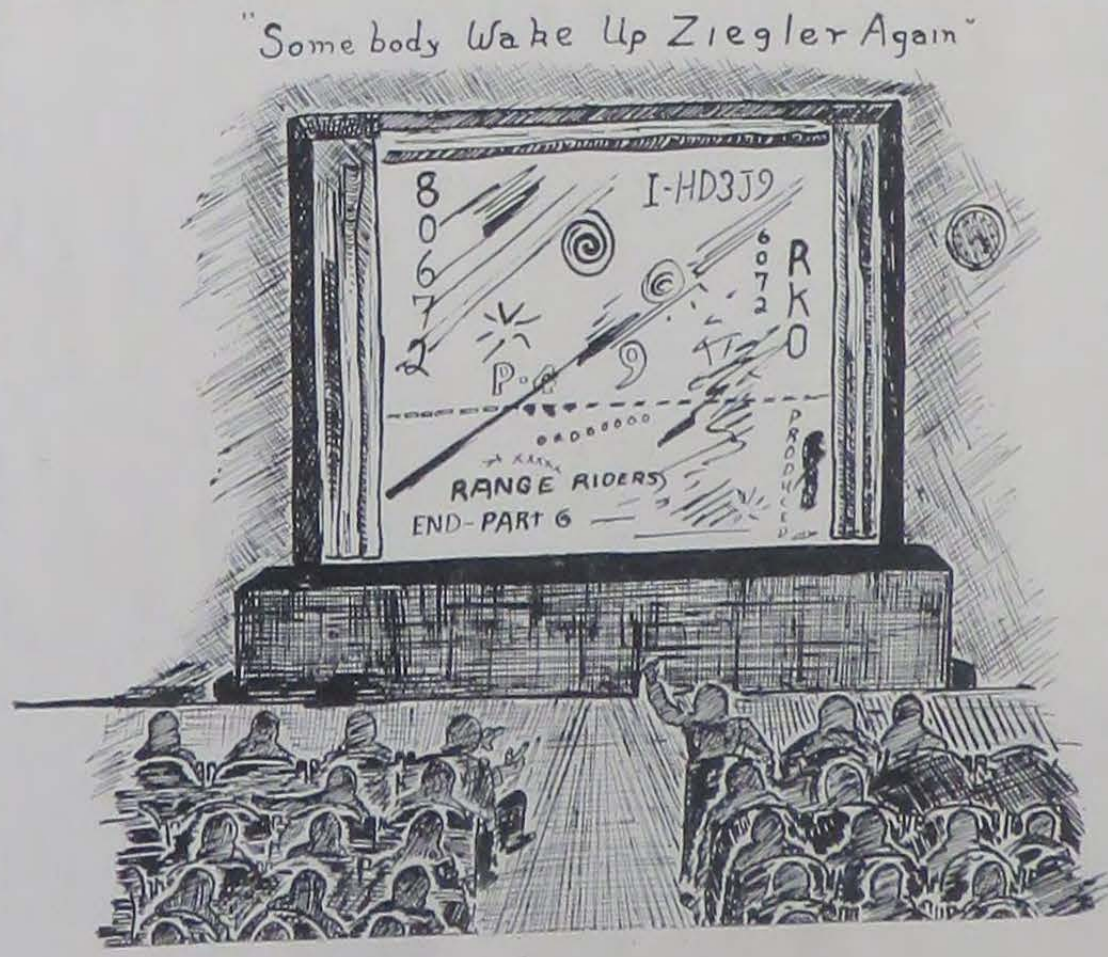
Friday, 16 June
RETURN OF THE FRONTIERSMAN—Gordon MacRae, Rory Calhoun. The picture bristles with fast-moving scenes of Gordon MacRae hunted by the posses; punches furiously traded and lively exchanges of gunfire. There is a touch of romance provided by Julie London, who is pretty to look at, and Rory Calhoun makes a somewhat tame villain who, while while posing as a newspaper publisher in the Wyoming town of Laramie, is responsible for stage holdups, bank robberies and the like.

Saturday, 17 June
UNDERCOVER MAN—Glenn Ford, Nina Foch. No available information.

LEAGUE STANDINGS				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
CPO Club	5	1	.833	—
N.P. Techs	7	2	.778	1/2
Officers	5	2	.714	1
Administration	3	6	.333	3 1/2
Civilians	1	5	.166	4 1/2
CSR	1	6	.142	5

BATTING LEADERS					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Hoffman, CPO	5	16	6	9	.562
Myers, N.P. Techs	7	22	13	12	.545
Lyons, CPO	5	15	7	8	.535
Gross, Administration	7	16	8	8	.500
Harmer, N.P. Techs	7	24	13	11	.458

A Cockney was trying to make himself heard over the phone: "This is Mr. 'Arrison. No, no, 'Arrison . . . haitch, hay, two hars, a hi, a hess, a ho, and a hen . . . 'Arrison."





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Hospital Corps 52 Years Old Today

Hospital corpsmen will report for duty as usual today, few realizing that 17 June is different from any other day on the wards, in laboratories, in quarters. But it is a day of history for the corps they represent. It is the 52nd anniversary of the United States Navy Hospital Corps.

Organized during the Spanish-American War, the Hospital Corps has since flourished, and its importance to the Navy can only be measured by the thousands of lives its members have saved in both war and peace. Prior to 1898 there was no official Navy Hospital Corps, although Navy doctors had assistants that were known as "loblolly boys," "surgeons' stewards," "baymen," or "apothecaries." But with the advent of the Spanish-American War, Congress heeded the Navy's plea and authorized the establishment of the Hospital Corps.

From a small group of 500 men in 1898, the Corps grew to a total of 137,000 during World War II. Its present strength is about 16,000, and of this number 458 are currently assigned to Oak Knoll.

The first formal Hospital Corps school was established at U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia, in 1902. It provided basic instruction in anatomy and physiology, nursing, first aid, hygiene, clerical procedures, and litter drill. Since that date, as the science of medicine advanced, the training of hospital corpsmen has kept pace with that progress.

At present there are 49 technical specialties allied to medicine, in which hospital corpsmen are given advanced technical training to supplement their basic instruction received at either the Hospital Corps School at Portsmouth, Virginia, or at San Diego.

WORK OF DON MEYERS, JOE O'BANNION PRAISED

Dear Captain Cook:

Thank you for your kind letter following the death of my husband, Eryvn, on May 11th. I appreciated it very much.

Let me assure you that I am satisfied that everything known to medical science was used to save him. His treatment during his stay there left nothing to be desired.

I would especially like to commend the two Corpsmen, Don Meyers and Joe O'Bannion. I feel that they gave Mr. Harriman care which at times was far "beyond the line of duty."

Very truly yours,
Lois Harriman.

Something New for Father's Day



Edward Lee Dawson, HA, USN, of Photographic Arts, looks very much impressed in this picture, an official record of his promotion to the rank of fatherhood. Sharing his pride in Carol Lee, who tipped the scales at 8 pounds, 8 ounces when she arrived here 1 June is his wife Janet. The family group will celebrate Father's Day tomorrow at their Santa Cruz Island Village home.

Thirteen Ready to Sing

Thirteen members of the staff have signified their interest in joining a station chorus which will be offered here as a Recreation Department activity if 25 or more persons are interested. The group will be trained by a U. C. Extension Division Music School instructor. All who would like to sing in the chorus, which will hold 15 weekly sessions at a time selected by the group, are urged to sign up as soon as possible at the Chaplain's office.

TV Stars of Future Coming Tuesday

On Tuesday 20 June, E. A. Simas, theatrical agent of the Bay Area, will present TV Stars of the Future at 1900 in the Community Service Building's auditorium.

Included in the acts will be faces both strange and familiar to Oak Knoll personnel. A five-piece band will keep the rhythm flowing smoothly and an accordionist, Hawaiian dancer, and soloist will provide breaks.

Secretary Mathews Supports Bond Drive

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of the Navy Francis P. Mathews today endorsed the U. S. Treasury's Savings Bonds Independence Drive. He said:

"The Navy works continuously to preserve the independence of our Country. In order to preserve the American way of life it is equally important that our National Economy be sound and that all our citizens are financially secure. I consider investment in United States Savings Bonds a most effective source of financial independence for every American. The Department of the Navy wholeheartedly supports the Independence Drive for the purchase of United States Savings Bonds."

Now It's LCDR McCabe

Congratulations to Dr. John F. McCabe, resident in pathology, who has been promoted from Lieutenant to Lieutenant Commander. The LCDR, whose rank dates back to 1 June, 1946, has been on the Oak Knoll staff since 10 December, 1949.

39 Civil Workers Added to Staff

Thirty-nine new civilian employees have been added to the staff, some to take care of needs arising from the increased patient load which is the result of the closing of Mare Island, others to replace those who have resigned.

The newcomers, all reporting for duty in the past six weeks, are Wilbur C. Oliver, orthopedic technologist; Charles C. Asbelle, rehabilitation specialist; Helen M. Waterman, medical records librarian; Patricia F. Fallon, occupational therapist; Fred Coster, refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic; Martha J. Meyers, Josephine F. Conran, Lois E. Hall, Jerie J. Lohoff, Betty King, and Anne M. Ruane, nurses; Eleanor M. Free-land, military pay clerk; Elaine E. Fanger, and Dorothy M. Beil, clerk dictating machine transcribers; Florence P. Harris and Blanche C. Morgan, clerk typist; Beverly V. Klein, typist; Myrtle E. Ferguson, clerk steno; Paul S. Schultz, painter; Daniel S. Wiggins, carpenter; Howard E. Bentley, engineering draftsman (mechanical); Cleophus T. Julks, dry tumblerman; Emily M. Medeiros, Margaret H. Vargas, Preston Leslie, and Eugene Richardson, laundrymen; Harley A. Cook, baker; Antero H. Libadia, William D. Crouch, Manuel Vega, Leontine J. Chase, and Paul Shumate, cooks; Booker T. Washington, Isaac H. Carlross, and John L. Bickers, laborers; Jennie C. Hill, Lissie Robertson, and Esther L. Taylor, ward attendants; and Tomas V. Almirante, mess attendant.

STINSON AND TWYLA NOW PROUD PARENTS

Warren C. Stinson, HM1, USN, returned to his duties in the organization office Monday, his husky chest showing definite signs of expansion and his hands full of cigars and chocolates to be dispensed to his fellow workers. His new son, James Warren, had at last arrived.

Somewhat behind schedule, the baby's time of arrival had been the subject of much speculation among his parents' many friends on the compound.

The baby weighed 10 pounds, 1 ounce, when he arrived at 5 June at the East Oakland Hospital. He and his mother (Twyla Taylor, who until a few months ago was a member of the Record Office Staff) are both doing nicely.

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Turning the Leaves

The Crew's Library, located directly opposite Ship's Service building, is open 0800-1630 and 1800-2100 daily, Monday through Friday and on Saturday from 0830 to 1100.

New book shipments are received monthly so that the library has current best-sellers, technical books, and a wide selection of all types of fiction and non-fiction titles. In the latest shipment, the following titles of general interest were received: **WORLDS IN COLLISION** by Immanuel Velikovsky (the controversial book, parts of which were printed in Reader's Digest and Colliers magazines, telling of celestial "wars" between the planets); **ALBERT EINSTEIN** by Leopold Infeld (a fine biography and scholarly discussion of the impact of his theories); **SCIENCE AND THE GOALS OF MAN** by Anatol Rapaport

(a study in semantic orientation); **SKYSHOOTING** by Robert and Margaret Mayall (how to photograph the stars); **AUTOMOTIVE FUNDAMENTALS** by Irving Frazee; **RADIO OPERATING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** by Julius Hornung; **HOW TO PLAY BETTER TENNIS** by William Tilden; **ROOF OF THE WORLD** by Amaury de Riencourt (an excellent travel book on Tibet); **THE PRICE OF UNION** by Herbert Agar (a book on the political parties in the U.S.); **THE ART OF REAL HAPPINESS** by Norman V. Peale and Smiley Blanton; **SHAKESPEARE OF LONDON** by Marchette Chute (an interesting review of Shakespeare and his times); and **MY FAVORITE STORIES OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS** edited by Roy Chapman Andrews.

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

OF SEA STORIES

One of the best sea stories that I've heard goes in substance like this: A sailor on liberty in Panama bought a monkey, doped it and put it inside his jumper and boarded ship. Regulations against bringing parrots and monkeys into the U.S.A. were well promulgated. The ship was riding high, so that the propeller blades glistened in the sun as the ship churned the muddy water alongside the dock.

The O.D. discovered the sailor's pet and threw the animal over the side. The sailors watched the monkey swim for shore. Upon arrival in Boston, the liberty party cleared ship. One of the party discovered the monkey sitting on the exposed blade of the propeller. Didn't the monkey have a jumping good time?

I give you this by way of introduction. There is a distinction between sea stories and downright lies. We teach that a man has the same right to his good name as he has to his money, and if you steal any part of that reputation by your words, you are bound to make restitution just as you are bound to restore stolen goods, but restoring a man's good name is difficult indeed. Someone has well said, "Reputations can be mended, but the world will always see the crack."

Remember, friends, your reputation, your good name is the most precious thing you have. Keep that in mind when you are tempted to repeat a disparaging remark. Recall those lines from Shakespeare's "Othello":

"Good name in man and woman, dear my lord,
Is the immediate jewel of their souls;
Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing;
'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been a slave of thousands;
But he that filches from me my good name
Robs me of that which not enriches him,
And makes me poor indeed." (Act iii, sc. 3, l. 155)

FRANCIS JOHN KLASS
Catholic Chaplain

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Protestant:
Chaplain—Robert F. McComas
Sunday—
Sunday School, Bldg 133.....1000
Nursery, Bldg. 133.....1100
Church Service, Chapel.....1100
Monday—
Adult Bible Class, Chaplain's Office.....1800
Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
The Chaplain's office is located on the Second Deck of Bldg. No. 1.

Catholic:
Chaplain—F. J. Klass
Sunday Mass—0630 in Catholic Oratory
0900 in Large Chapel
Confessions before Mass.

Mass Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
1150. Saturday Mass 1150.

Christian Science:
Worker will be on the compound every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Jewish:
Divine Service—Jewish men interested in attending religious services, contact the Chaplain's office, phone extension 184.
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound once a week. Men desiring to see him should contact the Chaplain's office.

Red Cross Ramblings

The Elks Clubs of Alameda is responsible for the popular professional variety show brought to the wards once a month. MR. PAUL D. HILLYER, Chairman of the Veteran's Committee for Hospitals and Past State Commander of the American Legion, arranges the entertainment and usually accompanies it. This past week, other members of the Alameda Lodge and their wives were in attendance including MR. BERTRAM, the Exalted Ruler. We are looking forward to the next visit of this lively show group.

BOUQUETS TO A GARDENER

MR. A. JOHN DAVIS, Vet. on 71B has, for the past three months, been beautifying the grounds in front of his Ward with innumerable flowers and plants. Under his guidance, daisies, petunias, cactus, roses, chrysanthemums, and many other varieties have been planted and nurtured until both sides of the walk are a glowing garden. Fighting the difficult adobe soil has only increased the challenge to beautify the place.

MR. DAVIS says he likes gardening because it is a light physical outdoor exercise in the sunshine and fresh air and once begun, gardening becomes more and more interesting. Not only is Mr. Davis an excellent gardener but in his enthusiasm, has stimulated other patients to take up this outdoor hobby. Anyone interested in developing a garden may contact the Red Cross worker for information on supplies.

FAMOUS RELATIVE

JOHN KILMER, HA, Corpsman on 44A, aspires to sing a composition of his uncle's, the famous poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer, well known writer. Through the services of Mrs. White, Red Cross volunteer, John is beginning voice lessons. Mrs. White was formerly a music instructor at Arizona State Teachers College and comes Tuesday of each week to share her talents.

CONTEST WINNERS

The tournaments played last week on Ward 52 are now concluded in three types of games. Winners of the Bridge tournament were: FREDERICK O'BRIEN, SM, and VERNON WILLIAMS, Yeoman 3rd. O'Brien also came out ahead in the Canasta tournament, with ALBERT VINSÓN, 1st Lt. as partner. In the checkers play-off, VINCENT HECOX, Pfc, MC, emerged as winner in the Checkers competition.

QUARTET ENTERTAINS

JACK HYDE, EN1 on the drums, and RONALD FRIESE, EM USN, on the trumpet, from Ward 48B, HARRY ADAMS, AN, on the electric guitar and TOMMY PARKS, SN, from Ward 65A, entertained recently on Ward 52. The "Rhythm Four" as they call themselves, played a variety of ballads, jump, Latin-American and pop music. They are open for more bookings, so in addition to playing in the Red Cross lounge, you may hear them on the wards.

LOUNGE SCHEDULE

The Red Cross recreation lounge located topside Building 132, is carrying on regularly scheduled activities. Highlights are the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening hostess and dance nights. Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 basic fox-trot and waltz steps are taught to beginners. At 3:15 the rhumba and samba are taught.

Gray Ladies Pass Camels

Fifteen Red Cross Gray Ladies covered all wards on 5 June, distributing to each patient a pack of Camel cigarettes, a gift from the Bob Hawke Radio Show.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

6 June
RIDDLE, Stanley Douglas, to wife of Edward Riddle, GM2, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
SOPP, Glenn Paul, to wife of Cleson Sopp, SKC, 10 pounds, 1 ounce.
STILING, Rodney Lee, to wife of David Stiling, LCDR, 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
BROUILLARD, Gail Lorin, to wife of Leslie Brouillard, BM1, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.
JONES, Yvette, to wife of Charles Jones, ET3, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

5 June
YOUNGBLOOD, Susan, to wife of Philip Youngblood, OMC, 4 pounds, 10 ounces.
LINDSEY, Gwen Anne, to wife of George Lindsey, T/Sgt, 7 pounds, 4 ounces.
NUCKOLS, Baby Girl, to wife of Jack Nuckols, BM3, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

6 June
CARLISLE, Roger Clare, to wife of Roger Carlisle, MM2, 5 pounds, 12 ounces.
RUEBER, Betty May, to wife of Edgar Rueber, HMC, 7 pounds, 6½ ounces.
JONES, Baby Boy, to wife of Ernest Jones, MM2, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
MITCHELL, Baby Girl, to wife of James Mitchell, AMC, 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
SMITH, Baby Girl, to wife of Isaac Smith, TN, 6 pounds, 7 ounces.
SPAINHOUR, Charles Hugh, to wife of Wayne Spainhour, LTJG, 8 pounds, 10 ounces.
CARR, Steven Charles, to wife of Charles Carr, LT, 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

7 June
ISLER, Baby Boy, to wife of Prince Isler, AN, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.
GRIFFIN, Parris Lynn, to wife of Thomas Griffin, PRC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

8 June
CRITES, Terry Wayne, to wife of Eugene Crites, FC2, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

10 June
VERTUCA, Leda Angela, to wife of Francis Vertuca, BTC, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.
KELLEY, Linda Jean, to wife of Ford Kelley, LT, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.
CHRISTIE, Deborah Kathleen, to wife of Roy Christie, AKA, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
LYONS, Thomas Willard, Jr., to wife of Thomas W. Lyons, LTJG, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.
PEACOCK, Sandra Sue, to wife of Henry Peacock, BM3, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
BRIDENSTINE, Robert Allen, to wife of Harold Bridenstine, ET1, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Lumpy Aids Research

Lawrence, Mass. (AFPS)—"Lumpy" just reclines in his "sack" all day and what's more—he gets away with it, too!

He is a life-sized dummy doing duty with the Army Quartermaster Corps Climatic Research Laboratory here, helping to test military sleeping bags.

"Lumpy" spends hours in his experimental sleeping bag without complaint, yet provides technicians with answers to many problems.

The manikin reveals information concerning the best protection against external cold; the effects of heat loss, and other pertinent facts.

Whisky, the Cat Gets Vacation for Good Work

Melbourne, Australia (AFPS) — Seven years ago, Whiskey, who was then a kitten, walked into a company warehouse and refused to budge. Now Whiskey is a salaried employee, with vacations included.

The warehouse was rat-infested when Whiskey made his appearance. Each morning, employees were astounded to find defunct rodents laid in neat rows in the piano showroom. Whiskey was working.

The company devotes 50 cents a week from the petty cash box, making an entry for Whiskey's services. At Christmas, Whiskey gets a two-week vacation at a home for cats and dogs... and another week at Easter, all expenses paid.

Who's Who . . .

Everything important happened to Ken Wicklund, HA, of 64B, in Portland, Oregon. He was born there, attended school there, played ball there, and enlisted there on 12 Aug. 1948.



Wicklund arrived at this compound on 24 March 1949 and since his arrival has used his spare time to 'Keep my friends fresh'.

Somehow, this just doesn't seem right. W. A. Everhart, HN, of 70A, writes to a sweet little thing back home for a hobby, but in his spare time he chases the opposite sex; i.e., women.



By "back home," Everhart means Abilene, Texas, where he was born and where he hopes to return. He enlisted in Dallas on 28 December 1948 and reported here on 24 July 1949.

During his spare time, Everhart indulges in his favorite means of recreation, swimming and dancing, both good ways to "chase the opposite sex."

Keith T. Whitesides, HN of 60B, has a unique means of passing his spare time which is doing as little as possible, a nice occupation if one can get away with it.



Whitesides, who enlisted in Layton, Utah, on 14 September 1948 and arrived at this compound on 2 April 1949, is an ardent sports enthusiast and has played all of

them. Basketball, however, ranks as a favorite, which is quite natural since Whitesides is well over six feet in stocking feet.

An English tourist was on his first visit to Niagara Falls and a guide was trying to impress him with their magnitude. "Grand," suggested the guide, but the visitor seemed unconcerned. "Millions of gallons a minute," explained the guide.

"How many in a day?"

"Oh, billions and billions," answered the guide. The visitor looked across and down and up as if gauging the flow.

"Runs all night, too, I suppose?" he remarked nonchalantly.

Said Sandy to his friend Jock: "Jock, I'm a sick man."

"Why dinna ye go to Doctor MacTavish?"

"Is he na expensive?"

"Aye, he'll charge ye three pound for the first veesit. Ofter thot, it's but five shilling."

Sandy hurried over to MacTavish's office and announced, "Well, Doctor. Here I am again."

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By Glenn W. Oberlin

WORDS IN THE BREEZE: All I have to say about the stage show last Monday is that it was "sexy" even if there weren't any shapely dancers and such. . . . Then there's Faulkner, of Pharmacy, who's been going around in a star-eyed daze lately. Couldn't be a certain little Student Nurse, could it? . . . Not to mention Sydner, of 63B, who's making preparations to marry . . . in two or three years, that is. A boy with an eye to the future.

IT JUST COULDN'T HAPPEN, BUT IT DID: J. B. Harris, who spends his spare time wandering around the Commissary department, was sighted a couple of days ago visiting various wards and departments in quest of some elusive commodities—"Energy Soap and Elbow Grease." Ponce de Leon and Harris would make fine buddies.

WISDOM IN WORDS: Meek, nice M.A.A. of HCQ, agrees that there are many beautiful things in the world, but most of 'em are married. How true, how true.

TO THE WISE: Whenever a person begins to think that he is indispensable, he should stick his finger in a bowl of water—then notice the big hole it leaves when he takes it out. . . . I agree Miss Harris.

MEET THE PEOPLE: An old man, a retired Sea Captain, who attracts the corpsman to his bedside by shouting in a voice broken by age, "Ahoy, there sailor boy, Ahoy!" . . . A corpsman who makes a noise like a drowning seal while rinsing his mouth after brushing his teeth. . . . who else but E. Kitagawa. . . . A certain young man, who has been told that death is but a short time away, still carries a broad smile and never fails to say, "See you later!"

Forgotten and remembered again. . . . What the average man likes about the average girl is his arms. . . . (be darned!).

Welcome and Farewell

Six persons were detached and sixteen reported aboard during the period of 7 to 14 June. Detached were K. K. Eustace, HMC, to USS John A. Bole; D. W. Rae, HM1, to USS Jason; and D. G. Allen, HN, J. G. Streetman, HN, C. P. Curry, HA, and J. A. Kin-saul, HA, to Naval Operating Base, Guam.

Reporting aboard were LCDR G. C. Beattie, MC, and LTJG R. M. Ware, MSC, from USNH, Mare Island; R. E. Dodge, HM3, from NNMCMC, Bethesda; J. C. Coutts, HN, from Receiving Station, San Francisco; R. A. Hermanson, HM3, and HN's M. A. Bendixen, C. E. Guzzo, A. L. Hypo, L. C. McBurney, "E" "J" Stanhill, W. H. Taylor, H. S. White, D. E. Amspoker, M. H. Bass, B. L. Buckley, and J. H. Rasch, from USNH, Mare Island.

A Scotsman and an Englishman were leaning against a bar when a bandit walked in and brandished his gun. The Scot quickly hauled out his money and handed it to his English friend, "Whist," he said. "Here's that ten pound ye lent me."



Sports treat of the week for patients on Ward 41A, 41B, and 42B was Thursday afternoon's visit from the Oaks, three of whom are pictured here with ENS Charlotte Blythe, NC, USN, and O. A. Laeve, QMC, USN, of 41B. Left to right, the players are George Bamberger, pitcher, Staten Island, New York, property of the New York Giants; Ernie Groth, pitcher, who hails from Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; and Loyd Christopher, outfielder, from Richmond, California, who plays only against left-handed pitchers.

Also among the visitors were Jack Greer, publicity manager for the Oaks, and "Cookie" Lavagetto, infielder. Mr. Greer drew forth much information from the players, and this in turn brought plenty of questions from the patients. Old Brooklyn fans, of course, were partial to veteran player "Cookie," who previously played on the Brooklyn team. Ball fans will recall he was the hero of the 1947 World Series by hitting a double to win the game. Genuine friendliness and sports lingo on the part of the visitors made a "hit" with all the patients who had the good fortune to meet them.

New Amputee Hands More Versatile

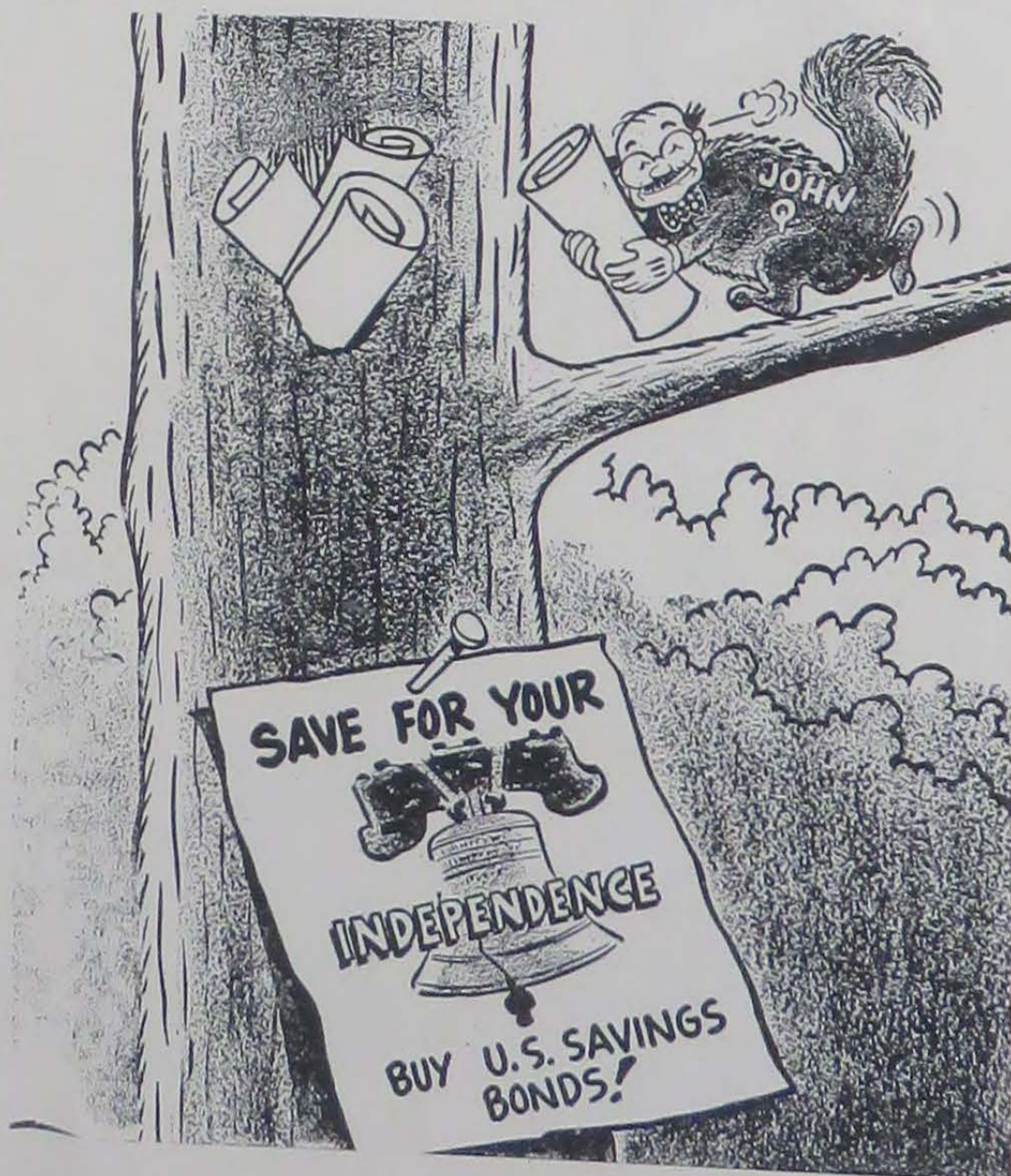
Washington (AFPS) — The Army Medical Department has developed a new mechanical substitute for an amputated hand—and declared it far superior to any previous prosthesis.

The new device even "goes beyond the scope of the human hand in some phases of utility," it was said. The device is delicate enough to grasp an eggshell, yet strong enough to lift a

heavy suitcase in a vise-like two-finger grip.

Like the older models, the new instrument has two claw-like metal fingers which allow the user to hold rounded objects—such as drinking glasses or milk bottles—with a stability unattained previously. It also allows greater ease in buttoning clothes, operating zippers, and handling small coins.

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PREVIEWS

Sunday 18 June

DEVIL'S DOORWAY — Robert Taylor, Louis Calhern. This is the story of what befell an American Indian on his return to Wyoming after service on the Union side in the Civil War, for which he was decorated with the Congressional Medal of Honor. Its principal theme is racial prejudice, represented by his white neighbors' appropriation of his land under provisions of the homestead laws, and a secondary theme concerns civilian treatment of veterans.

Monday 19 June

MISS TATLOCK'S MILLIONS — John Lund, Wanda Hendricks. No available information.

Tuesday 20 June

ROGUES OF SHERWOOD FOREST — John Derek, Diana Lynn. No available information.

Wednesday 21 June

AND BABY MAKES THREE — Robert Young, Barbara Hale. This is a sophisticated comedy in the most extreme meaning of that elastic term. Although completely frothy in manner and superficial in intent, its component materials, all of them handled solely as sources of humor, are marriage, divorce, and pregnancy, the latter furnishing the springboard at the start of the picture and remaining front and center throughout.

Thursday 22 June

THE GREAT JEWEL ROBBERY — David Brian, Marjorie Renolds. No available information.

Friday 23 June

WINCHESTER '73 — Jimmy Stewart, Shelly Winters. This film offers action, suspense and background for maximum effect and true motion entertainment. Through it all trails the path of the rifle, "the gun that won the west," stolen by McNally, lost to an Indian trader at cards, captured by an Indian chief, and eventually getting back to McNally and then to its rightful owner, Stewart, who returns to town also to claim Miss Winters.

Saturday 24 June

I WAS A MALE WAR BRIDE — Cary Grant, Ann Sheridan. No available information.

Miss Brough Is New

Latest addition to the Red Cross staff is Miss Ilene Brough, medical social worker from the Mare Island Hospital. Miss Brough has had considerable experience in Army and Navy hospitals, having served with Red Cross since 1943.

If you would be INDEPENDENT buy U. S. Savings Bonds. The U. S. Savings Bonds Independence Drive opens May 15, ends Independence Day, July 4.

TI Win(d)s
5-4 in Seventh
Wind, Hit Paves Way

Nine men from Treasure Island joined forces with the elements Tuesday afternoon to hand the Peons of Oak Knoll their fourth defeat of the 1950 season, 5 to 4, on a junior-sized, wind-blown dust bowl at the winner's home base.

The win came in spite of a three-run rally in the first half of the seventh inning by the Peons, which saw them assume leadership at the 4 to 3 mark and apparently stick another win in their pockets. But they reckoned without the wind.

With one man out, a well-tagged ball was sliced into right field by Leon Masterson, first sacker for the TI men, and the faster Paul Harmer ran to get the ball, the faster the wind shied it away from him until it finally lit and rolled just far enough to allow Masterson to circle the bases with a game tying marker.

The next batter hit to right field also, but the wind, instead of boosting it, stopped it and let it drop safely just in back of second. A walk and another bloomed single later and Treasure Island had the ball game to their credit.

The Peons grabbed the initial lead in the second inning but the men from the Isle of Treasure tied it up in the same inning and went ahead in the third by scoring two more runs. Both teams played shutout ball for the remaining innings until the big seventh; the lucky seventh.

Going into the first of the seventh, Bobby Diehl led off for the Peons with a single and later stole second. Gerald Zilch pushed him to third when he got aboard on an error and he scored on a long fly ball to left field by Big Oscar Lindblad. Trying to pick Zilch off first, the Tiers threw wild into right field and Zilch waltzed to third base from where he scored on McComas' single. McComas stole second and came in on C. A. Johnson's long single to put the Peons ahead and set the stage for the winners' last ditch rally.

The loss was the fourth suffered during the season by Lindblad, star, and only member of the chucking staff for the Peons. Spotty fielding has contributed largely to the defeats, since in only one game have the Peons been outhit, then by only one blow.

Nurses Lose But
Score Moral Upset

In their second meeting with the WAC's of Camp Stoneman, the Nurses softball team almost pulled a decisive upset and did score a moral victory when they held the power-laden WAC's to a 13 to 1 decision Wednesday, at the winners' home diamond.

In their first meeting, the WAC's steam-rolled to an easy 46 to 0 conquest of the inexperienced Nurses.

Frances Kissinger, pitcher for the locals, was at her most impressive in the return engagement, holding the victors to two runs from one hit until she began to tire in the bottom of the fifth.

The Nurses entered the scoring column first when ENS Mary Wathon led off the second inning with a single, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored easily from second when ENS Dorothy Barry made first on an error.

Besides her inspired chucking, Kissinger continued to wield a big club, getting one of the five hits garnered by the Nurses in the seven inning contest.

The WAC's tied the ball game up in their half of the second inning when they put together a hit and an error, and went ahead in the third on a wind-blown home run. From there until the fifth both teams played shutout ball.

Another pitcher was found for the Nurses, too, at the game. When Kissinger tired in the sixth, ENS Lillis L. Stoops came in to relieve her and proceeded to retire the side easily.

Two hundred years ago the story of the Liberty Bell began when the Pennsylvania Assembly ordered a belfry to be built for a "suitable bell" atop the stair tower of the new State House in Philadelphia. This year the Bell is again serving its country as the insignie of the U. S. Savings Bonds Independence Drive, May 15 to July 4.

NP's, Medics
Tie 2nd Spot

Within 1/2 Game

With their win of Wednesday 7 June over the CPO's being cancelled by a belated protest, M. H. Myers' N.P. Technicians were deprived of first place in intra-departmental league play this week when the Officers downed the Chiefs 9 to 7 Friday 9 June in a wild, seven-inning twice-protested ball game.

The Chiefs protested the N.P. tilt on an interpretation of a rule; so the two managers decided to replay the whole game and forestall all arguments.

If the N.P.'s win over the CPO's had been allowed, the Meyers' charges would now be reposing in first place by virtue of the Officers' win over the CPO's. As it is, they are tied for second spot with the up-and-coming Officers.

Leading 7 to 4 going into the first of the seventh inning, the Officers were forced to go all out to win after giving the Chiefs three runs to tie the ball game. LTJG E. A. Blakey became the toast of the night and the hero of the day when he lined a double into left-center field to drive in two runs for the victory.

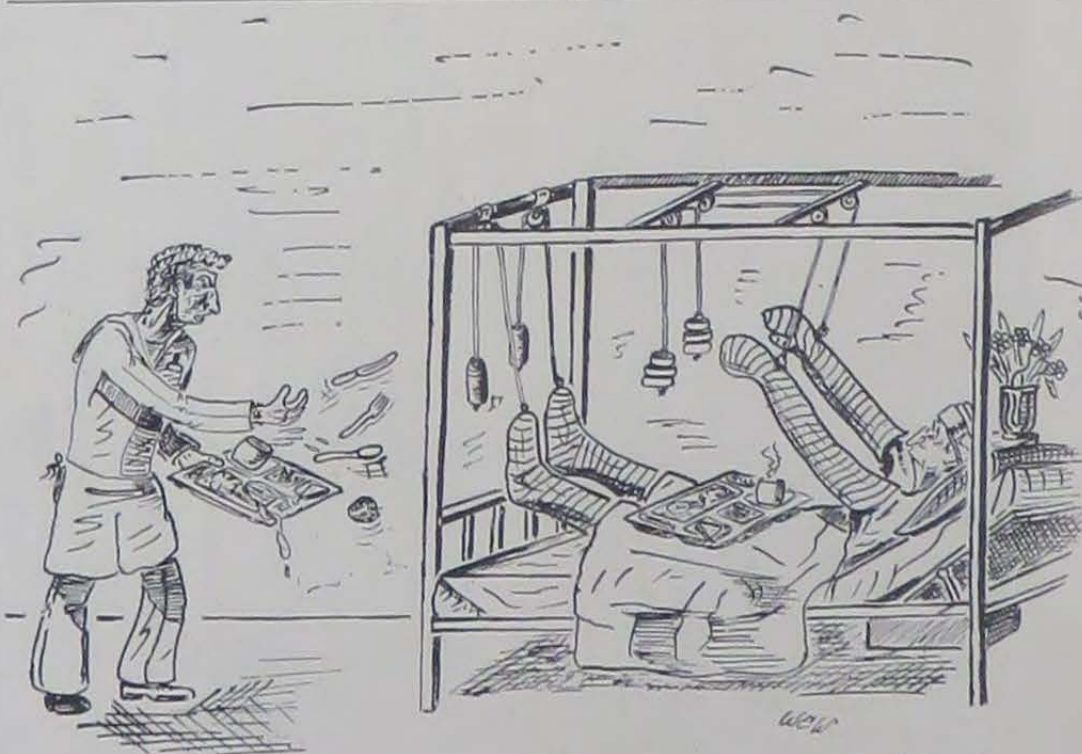
The N.P.'s stayed within hailing distance of the leaders by trouncing the hapless civilian nine Monday afternoon, 22 to 10, behind the effortless pitching of Wolfe, and the relentless batting of the rest of the team.

In the battle of the cellar, CSR pulled in front of the Civilians by half a game during the week, losing only one game, while John Garcia's men were dropping three. Besides the loss to the N.P.'s, the Civilians were overrun by the Chiefs Wednesday afternoon 18 to 7 and forfeited a game to the AdMen Thursday 8 June.

Tuesday afternoon the Officers were forced to extend themselves to knock off the usually docile CSRs 12 to 9. The CSRs all agree that it was their best game to date and it could mean that errors are finally becoming rarer on that ball club. While their pitching is nothing to write home about, it has been adequate, and the batting has been extra good. Only the little slips have put George Schroeder's men this far in the basement, and if they get them ironed out, they could cause havoc in the ranks of the leaders.

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
CPO Club	6	1	.857	
N.P. Techs	7	2	.778	
Officers	7	2	.778	
Administration	4	6	.400	
CSR	1	7	.125	
Civilians	1	8	.111	

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Jane Hanson as Medea

Versatile Operator Makes Hit In "Medea"

Jane Wilbur Hanson, chief telephone operator at Oak Knoll for the past year and a half is still glowing with justifiable pride as a result of the high praise she received from Oakland drama critics as a result of her handling of the role of Medea (in which she is pictured above) at the Hayward Community Theater last weekend.

"Miss Wilbur has everything for the role—good looks, poise, a thousand and mood changes, tremendous vitality, a beautiful speaking voice, and real ability to act," the Tribune drama critic wrote following the first presentation of the play, which she attended with misgivings because of the fact that the Robinson Jeffers version of the weighty Greek tragedy is not usually undertaken by small town drama groups.

Jane got her start several years ago when she won a scholarship in San Francisco's Theater Arts Colony as a result of her performance in "The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse," another presentation of the Hayward group. She has also appeared in a variety of comedy roles.

New Welfare Worker

Miss Agnes Schmitt, recently reporting from Mare Island, has taken over her duties as Head Recreation Worker for the Red Cross. She has served Red Cross for six years, having had duty with the Navy at Farragut, Idaho, and with the Army at Dibble and Letterman before being assigned to Mare Island.

Wave Officers Meet

WAVE Officers in the Twelfth Naval District held one of their regular meetings here Tuesday, at which time they were dinner guests of the Commanding Officer. The meetings are held often to discuss current

RADM Swanson To Be Honored At Staff Party

Will Speak In Special All Hands Assembly

Rear Admiral C. A. Swanson, Surgeon General of the United States Navy and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, will be the honored guest at a dinner and dance to be held Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The Admiral—in the Bay Area to attend sessions of the American Medical Association's annual convention—will also speak to the entire staff at a time to be announced. His subject will be "The Navy Medical Department—Whither Bound?" He will be accompanied by Rear Admiral H. L. Pugh, Rear Admiral J. T. Boone, and other representatives of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

In attendance at the party will be a group of high-ranking Army and Air Force officials, senior medical officers of various Bay Area Naval activities, members of the consulting staff, and staff officers and their ladies.

This will be Admiral Swanson's fourth visit to Oak Knoll since he has held the top billet in the Navy Medical Corps. He was here in February 1948 with the Hawley Committee on Armed Forces Medical activities, in August 1949 with the Director of Medical Activities of the National Defense establishment, and last March, when he participated in the House Sub-committee hearings. All who met him at that time and heard his review of the achievements of the Navy Medical Department and his report of its prospects for the future are keenly anticipating the opportunity of hearing him again.

Visitor from Norway

A recent visitor to Oak Knoll was Miss Talitha Ellingsen, Chairman of the Red Cross Chapter at Bergsbakken, Trondheim, Norway.

This is her first trip to the United States, and her stop here was her first experience at a military hospital. On her tour of the hospital with Miss Marie Adams, ARC Field Director, she was enthusiastic in her praise of hospital and Red Cross facilities.

changes in general Navy regulations and keep abreast of happenings in the WAVE corps. LT Lucille R. Clark, MSC(W), Senior WAVE Officer at the hospital, made arrangements for the meeting.



The often talked-of American Ingenuity is graphically displayed in this picture of Charles Flickinger, BM2, and his mirror arrangement, which enables him to see any part of the ward in spite of his strict bed-patient status.

Flickinger must lie flat on his back as the result of an accident in which several neck vertebrae were fractured, and while in traction the mirror device enables him to keep up on ward activities.

The 35-year-old sailor, inspired by the arm of a dentist's drill, suggested the possibilities of such a gadget to his mother, who made the original plans. Shipmates from his duty station, Tiburon Naval Net Depot, perfected the "viewer," and it was installed on Wednesday, 14 June.

The gadget is believed to be the first of its kind, though similar mirrors are used for patients in Iron Lungs.

TV Vaudeville Troupe Wows Knoll Audience

Ed Simas and his gang of entertainers who comprise the show called "TV Vaudeville" slipped onto the stage of the Community Service Building Tuesday night and proceeded to "knock 'em dead" in all the best traditions of vaudeville.

From the opening tinkle of Roy Petschauer's piano to the final strains of a rewritten "Give My Regards to Broadway," the troupe kept the Knoll audience gay and expectant. And not satisfied with performing before a full house, members of the troupe rushed out between numbers to cheer bed patients on the orthopedic wards which, while it made some of those remaining on the stage do double duty, did more toward covering the entire hospital than any other review had done for some time.

Especially well-received were six Bay Area girls who did hula numbers with all the authenticity of old Hawaii. The girls, Alma Wittig, Loretta Kay, Barbara Aguirre, Lindy Sheehan and Ella Martinez were directed by Raye Baker, who soloed in two numbers.

From the opening note by soloist

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Forty Patients to See Two More Seal Tilts

For 40 patients with baseball on the brain, Welfare and Recreation, in conjunction with Paul I. Fagan, Francis J. "Lefty" O'Doul, and a group of ball-players called Seals, will entertain Wednesday, 28 June, and Saturday, 1 July. Welfare and Recreation will help by supplying the transportation to the park, leaving from the Community Service Building at 1230. Paul I. Fagan will help by supplying money to keep the players happy; Francis J. "Lefty" O'Doul will help by being the brains of the mob, and the ball-players called Seals will help by trying to knock off the Los Angeles Angels as many times as possible.

Much praise has been voiced by the persons seeing the brave efforts of said Seals in the past, and those planning to attend would be wise to sign up early at the Welfare and Recreation office to insure capturing one of the forty seats available.

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Ships

*Ships are the nearest things to dreams that hands have ever made,
For somewhere deep in their oaken hearts the soul of a song is laid;
A soul that sings with the ship along through plunging hills of blue,
And fills her canvas cups of white with winds that drive her through.
For how could a nail and a piece of wood, tied with a canvas thread,
Become a nymph on moon-washed paths if the soul of the ship were fled?*

*Her bosom throbs as her lovers' arms clasp her in fond embrace,
And the joyous kiss of briny lips is fresh on her maiden face.
No storm can smother the hempen song that wells in her laughing throat—
Small wonder then that men go mad for the love of the sea and a boat.
For the singing sheet is a siren that tugs at the hearts of men,
And down to the sea they must go once more, though they never come back again.*

ROBERT NORMILE ROSE

Submitted by THOMAS J. TANOUS,
Patient, Ward 71A.

Another "Well Done"

From: CAPTAIN CHARLES W. WILKINS, U. S. Navy.

To: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Hospital,
Oakland, California.

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. Upon my discharge from treatment, I wish to express my appreciation to you and the personnel of the hospital for the excellent care I received while a patient.
2. On Friday, 2 June, I was admitted to the hospital suffering with sciatic neuritis in the left leg and in need of a hernia repair. On Tuesday, 13 June, I was discharged from the hospital with treatment successfully completed. The expedition with which my case was handled by the doctors concerned was most commendable. I am especially grateful for the surgical attention I received from Captain DICKINSON, Captain CHAPMAN, and LCDR WERTHEIMER, who actually performed the operation, and for the expert neurological treatment by LCDR CLARK.
3. I wish to express appreciation also for the excellence of the service of the staff of ward 40A. All hands were unfailing in courtesy and attentiveness to my needs. The performance of nursing duty by LT JACOBI (NC) was outstanding.

C. W. WILKINS.

+ + CHAPLAIN'S CORNER + +

A cartoon showing a little boy being spanked by his Dad and Mother looking on perplexed, read, "He is reading a best seller." This should give an inkling concerning the subject matter of much popular reading today.

Such an attitude is typical of the trend toward intellectual immorality which is debasing the minds of many. Willingly or not, children as well as adults are allowing themselves to be "mentally seduced" into accepting pagan philosophy. Christ taught that the clean of heart shall see God. Christ showed that we do defy God even with our minds. Natural inclinations are not sins, or temptations are not sins . . . But THEY CAN BECOME SO.

Some years ago a wonderful book was popular; it showed how collaboration of husband and wife made a success of their marriage. It would be worth your while reading, especially if you are still in the service and contemplating marriage. It's Irving Stone's "Immortal Wife." Remember the book you seek is Immortal Wife, not Immoral.

FRANCIS JOHN KLASS.

Welcome and Farewell

Six persons were detached and 17 reported aboard during the week of 15 to 22 June. Detached were LTJG H. P. Johnson, to civilian life; LTJG Peter Soyster, to MSTs, Pacific; ENS Mary J. Wathen, to USNH, Mare Island; R. E. Lederer, DTC, to Receiving Station, San Francisco; B. D. Hopkins, HM3, (W), to NAS, Moffett Field; and R. J. Fitzpatrick, HA, to Guam.

Reporting aboard were CAPT Joseph Zundell, from USNH, Long Beach, California; CDR T. J. Canty,

from USNH, Mare Island; LCDR D. M. Pino, from USNH, Long Beach; LCDR Rosella Nesgis, from USNH, Mare Island; LCDR Dorothy Weyel, from USNH, Guam, M. I.; LT Josephine J. Remos, from USNH, Long Beach; LT Dorothy A. Naviaux, from USNH, Mare Island; LTJG W. D. Stuart, from ONOP, Seattle, Washington; LTJG Jean F. Halpin, from USNH, Mare Island; D. L. Simmons, HN, and Ha's F. H. Allen, C. D. Blondino, J. T. Downs, S. D. Hodge, C. V. Mercer, W. F. Miller, and R. Serrano, from Corps School, San Diego.



Dale Lynch, SA, 42A, was twenty-one years old last Monday. Through the generosity of friends and family, the birthday observance turned out to be an unusually festive occasion. All patients on 42A and B enjoyed the three-tiered decorated cake, ice-cream and favors provided by the family and the Berlin, New Jersey, Rotary Club. Mrs. William Parker, Gray Lady, and Miss Burnett Thompson, Red Cross staff-worker, assisted as hostesses. Following the party, Dale went on a six-day leave to visit friends in Seattle.

Red Cross Ramblings

WESTERN MUSIC

AL SOLLE, SN, on the fiddle, and RICHARD McGEE, SN, on the electric guitar, both from 47B, and ROBERT CLARKE, SN, guitar player from 44B, have joined talents to turn out some real hoe-down music. Beginning with their own jam sessions in the Red Cross lounge, these men have recently played for the Friday evening square dances at the lounge. With constant rehearsals going on, it seems very possible that the trio may soon be entertaining on the wards.

CROQUET IN SEASON

DEAN WALBRECHT, CM3, from ward 44B, is the expert and expediter in the ever-amusing game of croquet held every Tuesday afternoon, 1400 to 1600, on the lot between wards 43 and 44. Mrs. Kidwell, Red Cross Gray Lady, also assists the teams with their games on these afternoons. From all reports, croquet is a very popular and often quite hilarious game. Join the ball and mallet group Tuesday afternoons if you want to enjoy a good outdoor game.

HATS OFF!

To Mr. G. E. Duff and the Motion Picture Service of the Standard Oil Company, we offer special commendation and appreciation for their excellent sport and travel movies brought weekly to this hospital. Other entertaining and quality films are brought regularly from Capwell's Travel Service by Mr. Joseph Eck and Mr. Philip Martin. Armchair traveling or witnessing a sports event provide many interesting hours for all the patients at Oak Knoll.

CRAFT SHOP IN FULL SWING

If you haven't seen the new Red Cross craft shop, you have missed a real opportunity to explore a variety of hobby activities. Located in Building 32 across from ward 43, the craft shop is an attractive and pleasant place to spend those leisure hours.

LIFE BEGINS AT OAK KNOLL

11 June

LORD, Linda Lucy, to wife of Harold

Lord, AB3, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

KIMBALL, Peggy Ann, to wife of Joseph

Kimball, AD1, 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

HOLMES, Baby Boy, to wife of Mans-

field Holmes, CSC, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

12 June

VOGT, Lawrence Michael, to wife of Ar-

thur Vagt, ICI, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

OBESO, Anita, to wife of Ricardo Obeso,

AMAN, 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

PALCIC, Richard Wayne, to wife of Ken-

neth Palcic, AMAN, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

13 June

BROWN, Baby Girl, to wife of Ellis

Brown, ET2, 3 pounds, 15 ounces.

MORAN, Kathleen Sue, to wife of Ken-

neth Moran, AM2, 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

ORTEGA, Victor, to wife of Jimmie Or-

tega, AE2, 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

WAGONER, Daniel Robert, to wife of

Luther Wagoner, ACEM, 6 pounds, 15

ounces.

NIX, Carl Crafton Jr., to wife of Carl Nix,

AC3, 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

PRESS, Deborah Ann, to wife of Walter

Press, CS1, 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

SLATER, Glenn Robert, to wife of Clinton

Slater, SK1, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

14 June

JANSEN, Sherry Ann, to wife of Robert

Jansen, TDC, 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

WELLS, Baby Girl, to wife of Frank

Wells, LTJG, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

HERMAN, Robert John, to wife of Har-

old Herman, LCDR, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

SMITH, Raymond William Jr., to wife of

Raymond Smith, ADC, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

15 June

PAYNE, Yannah Lorette, to wife of Jerry

Payne, SN, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

STOKES, Richard Bernard, to wife of

William Stokes, AN, 7 pounds.

BERTON, Jack Robert Jr., to wife of

Jack Berton, LTJG, 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

CARLISLE, Deborah Ann, to wife of

William Carlisle, AD3, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

16 June

HENDERSON, Baby Girl, to wife of Le-

land Henderson, AD1, 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

HALE, Nancy Lynn, to wife of James

Hale, LTJG, 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

RIEN, Jacquelyn Cheryl, to wife of How-

ard Rien, RD2, 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

17 June

SAMFORD, William Lowell, to wife of

Kenneth Samford, LTJG, 6 pounds, 6

ounces.

FURRER, Laurel Lee, to wife of William

Furrer, AMC, 7 pounds, 1½ ounces.

JERLES, Patricia Ann, to wife of George

Jerles, SN, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

T. V. Vaudeville Show

(Continued from page 1, col. 3)

Joyce McMillin, the audience knew that the 19-year-old San Leandro girl would sing her way straight into their hearts, and this she did with a group of semi-classical numbers.

Shy, retiring Karen Okerberg showed a fine, distinctive touch at the piano as she played one solo number and accompanied several others.

Who's Who . . .

During the summer months, Johnnie Brown, HA on ward 41A, is especially happy, because it gives him a chance to indulge in his favorite sport, swimming. When not on liberty, the native Californian can usually be found at the pool, weather permitting.

Brown was born in Fresno, California and enlisted in his home town of Stockton on 17 June, 1949. Naturally enough, he took his boot and corps training in San Diego and after finishing, he went to Mare Island from where he was moved to this base on 1 May of this year.



Ivan E. Bristow, HN of ward 44A, lived an itinerant life before joining the Navy to see the world. He was born in Wichita, Kansas, spent the greatest part of his youth in Missouri but attended school in five different states—Iowa, Nebraska, Washington, California, and Portland, Oregon, where he graduated from high school. Although he now claims Tacoma, Washington, as his home town, he enlisted in St. Joseph, Missouri, on 29 October 1948 and reported here from Mare Island in April.



Operating a drill in a factory may seem a far cry from the duties of a Hospital Corpsman, and it is, says Clifford Anderson, HA on ward 71B. Anderson should know, too, because that is what he did before entering the service.

Born in Daleville, Indiana, Anderson still calls that home, but left to enlist in Anderson, same state, on 1 March 1949. Following a pleasant interlude in San Diego, the basketball-playing Hoosier arrived at Oak Knoll on 16 October, 1949.



Although he had already put in one year in college as a pre-engineering major, Melvin A. Bendixen, HN on ward 79A, decided to get a little worldly travel before completing his education, and toward that end, he enlisted in the Navy in Omaha, Nebraska, on 14 October, 1948.



In spite of his previous course, Bendixen's hobby of photography has captivated him, and he is now seriously thinking of it as a full time occupation.

The amiable corpsman arrived at Oak Knoll from Mare Island just two weeks ago, and since his arrival has spent his spare time in just plain relaxing and visiting his girl friend, the one in this port.

Through Oak Knoll's Alleys

By Glenn W. Oberlin

Alley Glimpses . . . J. F. Fisher in a very relaxed position skimming over the pages of a book that will some day, no doubt, make him third class, the title — "Adventures of Donald Duck." . . . "Don Juan" Vaughan as he waits into the wee hours of the morning outside the phone booth for just one little word from his love . . . (true love, that is) . . . The character in the staff Post Office as he spins his wild tales of . . . of anything. He knows it all, or so he says.

Don't believe a word of it if someone tells you that Oscar Breedlove just purchased a beaut of a diamond ring for a certain little lady. The straight scoop is that he and Whitesides, who also works on 61-B, sank around five hundred dollars for a couple of rings. A nice, round figure for a nice, round guy.

C. F. Young, very popular among the Little Reno circles, is the only guy, except Hanson, that gets his daily exercise by folding and unfolding his billfold. Loot and more loot.

Our Mr. "S" is doing nicely these summer days. He is now in the loan business and will loan anything you want if he can just make 300 per cent profit. Who is he? Just ask some of the suckers he's taken, and they'll be glad to tell you. Me, for instance.

"Red Ryder" Guest At Vet Benefit Rodeo

It's only a few weeks away—the thrilling, colorful two-day rodeo at Rowell's Ranch, Dublin Canyon, Hayward, Saturday and Sunday 8 and 9 July, and the first 50 patients who sign up at Welfare and Recreation will have a chance to attend.

Highlighting the two-day affair will be the appearance of Brooke Temple, famous on the screen and radio as Red Ryder, who is coming up from his El Monte ranch to donate his services for the occasion, through the courtesy of his radio sponsor, the Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc.

Entire proceeds of the two-day event, sponsored by Alameda Pup Tent 55, Military Order of the Cootie, V.F.W., will go into the benefit fund for hospitalized veterans in Northern and Central California.

It is the most ambitious undertaking yet planned by V.F.W. to raise funds for hospitalized veterans and their needy families. More than 25,000 men, women and children are expected to turn out for the big show, where the best cowhands, both men and women, will compete for prize money.

And what is more, Red Ryder is arriving a day ahead of rodeo schedule so that he may visit veterans at this and other veteran hospitals in the Bay Area.

Accompanying him here will be boys from the Columbian Park Boys Club of San Francisco, including a group of singers. Others will distribute gifts from Red Ryder to the veterans.



The three happy civilians above are receiving checks and congratulations for beneficial suggestions they have made in connection with their work at the hospital. Accepting the awards from the Commanding Officer, they are, left to right, Ralph E. Dilbeck, who received \$15, Daniel Ross and Willie Drew, who received \$25 each.

Taylor Qualifies In Bareback Bronc Ride

E. M. "Tex" Taylor, HA, currently detailed to the Officers' Club, returned from the Livermore Rodeo 11 June without a prize but with experience under his belt and the satisfying feeling of having qualified in the bareback bronc riding contest.

In order to qualify, a contestant had to remain on the plunging, saddleless horse for eight seconds or longer, and Taylor passed easily as he sat his mount for some ten seconds.

With only two of 18 contestants qualifying in the brahma bull riding event, Taylor didn't feel too bad when he hit the dirt after only a few bounds of the high-hopping, fast-twisting animal he rode.



Sunday 18 June

KEY TO THE CITY—Clark Gable, Loretta Young, Gable, a former longshoreman and now elected mayor of a California town, attends a mayors' convention in San Francisco. He meets Loretta, mayor of a small town in Maine. Both get in and out of a lot of trouble including newspaper headlines. In the process they fall in love. They decide to get married, but misunderstandings and a rebellious city council keep them apart until the hectic ending.

Monday 26 June

THE PALE FACE—Bob Hope, Jane Russell. A play with no available information.

Tuesday 27 June

THE MEN — Marlon Brando, Teresa Wright. The story, uninvolved and simple, revolves around Brando and the long road over which he must travel before he comes to understand science is helpless and that the future will be what he himself makes it. He passes through pain, resentment, resistance, hopelessness and self-pity. Eventually, after flare-ups of temper and misunderstanding, he stands ready to take his place in society. Thus, Brando is made to typify the courage of the paraplegic who succeeds in rising above his physical disability.

Wednesday 28 June

DEADLY IS THE FEMALE — Peggy Cummings, John Dahl. John Dahl is front and center throughout, with Peggy Cummings alongside. A preliminary section dealing with his boyhood shows why he loves guns so well that he grows up to be a master marksman, and why he cannot shoot at living targets. Back from the war, he runs into Miss Cummings at a carnival where she holds forth as a crack shot challenging all comers, and when he beats her in a pistol match she persuades him to join the show.

Thursday 29 June

IROQUOIS TRAIL—George Montgomery, Brenda Marshall. The story takes place in 1775 when the English and French were at each others' throats and the poor "Yankee" colonials were the buffer. The territory north of Albany along the Hudson River is inhabited by Indians, who are to play an important part in the final outcome of the

Three Receive Checks For Beneficial Tips

Three civilian employees received awards this week for ideas which have been adopted by the Beneficial Suggestion Committee and put into effect by the departments in which they work.

Willie Drew, First Cook, and Daniel Ross, Cook, Commissary Division, submitted a helpful suggestion for improvement in the method of filling ward food carts. Previously carts had been filled at a long steam table when mess cooks pushed their food carts alongside and had the various foods apportioned to their carts as they passed. This method made it necessary for the Commissary to call 8 to 10 people from their regular jobs to take stations beside the food carts at meal time. Ross and Drew put their heads together and came up with a new, improved method. Now food carts are left at the edge of the serving room with their heating units plugged while four men apportion food from large carts of food in portable "dixies" to the individual carts. With this new system, it is no longer necessary to call men away from their regularly assigned tasks. Trained "regulars" apportion the food, and the result is a saving in both man-hours and food.

Another suggestion, made by Mr. Ralph E. Dilbeck, Electrician in the Public Works Division, has made a great improvement in the method of checking the pumps in the fresh water supply system of the hospital. Under the old method it was necessary for those checking to go to each pump house, take the covers off the solenoid switches, and close contacts to see if the pump was in operating condition. Now a momentary switch has been installed in the float switch circuit of each pump, as suggested by Mr. Dilbeck. With this attachment a man can check the pumps now simply by closing the momentary switch and can also tell how well the pumps are working together. This saves both time and effort and results in a better test on the pumps.

struggle. Montgomery, a trapper, becomes a scout to avenge the death of his brother, an English soldier, who has been shot by a French spy in the English forces.

Friday 30 June

711 OCEAN DRIVE—Edmund O'Brien. No available information.

Saturday 1 July

LOVES OF CARMEN — Rita Hayworth, Glenn Ford. No available information.

Triple Play

Peons Victims Still Win, 8 to 5

The Peons of Oak Knoll banged out three runs in the last half of the sixth inning before falling victims to a triple play, and as a result coasted to an 8 to 5 victory over the Treasure Island Marines Tuesday afternoon on the local diamond.

The first triple play witnessed by the Peons came with Robert Glass on third and M. H. Myers on first and Gerald Zilch up after three runs had scored on two hits, two walks, and an error. Zilch hit a foul behind third base which DeMoro of the Leathernecks took on an over the shoulder, running catch. After the catch, Myers raced to second, but DeMoro recovered and threw him out. In the melee at second, Glass began dashing for home, but Antle nipped him at the plate with a desperation toss.

Soundly outthit for the first time this season in league play, the Peons nevertheless kept a commanding lead from the outset through snappy base running and heads-up fielding. In his ninth appearance of the season, Big Oscar Lindblad showed plenty of control by striking out six and not giving any passes, but he was tagged for ten safeties by the hard-hitting Marines. Usually potent themselves at the plate, the Peons were tamed to the tune of five safeties by the offerings of Ray Legge.

Gerald Zilch, playing an alien third base in the absence of Chaplain McComas, led off the game with a base on balls and went to second when Lindblad was safe on an error. Johnson singled Zilch home and with some nifty base running, Lindblad stole home to give the locals a two-run lead. In the second, Stevenson walked, Harmer forced him at second, Glass walked, Mitchell got on on a fielder's choice, and with the bases loaded, Lindblad sent a pitch onto the hillside to clear the bases and give the Peons the margin of victory.

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Officers Nip NP's; Take Lead As CSR Dumps CPO's, 7-5

The usually docile kittens from CSR became raging wildcats for six innings Monday afternoon and clawed, bit, scratched, hit, pitched, and played their way to a 7 to 5 victory over the league-leading CPO Club and let the Officers assume first place by reason of their extra-inning, 3 to 4 conquest of the N. P. Techs Friday, 16 June.

For the first time this season, errors by the men of George Schroder were at a premium and by landing on G. H. Huffman for 12 bingles, they annexed their first earned win of the campaign.

In the game, the Chiefs lost the services of their regular right-fielder, SGT. H. M. Dyle who broke his leg while sliding into home in the third inning. At latest report, the sergeant was said to be all right, but his services will be lost for the remainder of the season.

Loss of control by the usually dependable Wolfe decided the Officers-NP tilt for second place Friday afternoon. Holding a 3 to 2 lead going into the last of the fifth, and final inning of play, Wolfe walked LTJG W. L. Thomas who circled the bases on three NP errors to tie the game and send it into extra innings. Both pitchers held until the eighth inning, but then Wolfe walked LTJG E. A. Blakey, gave up his third and fourth hits to load the bases, and, on a 3 and 2 pitch, walked LTJG C. E. Bancroft to force in Blakey with the winning run.

The NPs came back with a vengeance Tuesday afternoon to completely subdue nine men from the Administration Building 26 to 5 in a knock-down, drag-out, slugfest which saw the victors fall just two runs short of their own scoring mark of 28 set against the Civilians on May 18.

League Standings

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Officers	8	2	.800	
CPO Club	6	2	.750	1/2
N. P. Techs	8	3	.727	1
Adminis.	4	7	.363	4 1/2
CSR	2	7	.222	5 1/2
Civilians	1	8	.111	7 1/2

Batting Leaders

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Medeiros Civ.	5	21	8	12	.571
Lyons, CPO	7	24	13	13	.565
Muscatel, N.P.	10	25	11	13	.520
Beer, Officers	6	22	10	10	.454
Martin, CPO	8	25	9	11	.440

Netters Win Fifth

The tennis team of Oak Knoll took the highly-touted Moffett Field team into camp Wednesday afternoon with a solid 10 to 3 victory.

Captain Jack George began the rout by taking two straight games 8-6 and 6-2, from LCDR M. R. Plaxco, and LTJG H. G. Fuller followed with a tough 8-6, 2-6, 6-1 victory over ENS. H. L. Benson. Only defeat of the match for the locals was suffered when LTJG S. R. Easter was nosed out by LTJG S. W. Watson 6-3 and 6-4.

With the final outcome resting on the doubles matches, George and Fuller teamed up to hand Plaxco and Benson a well-played 6-4, 6-3 defeat and consequently added another victory to the Knollite's string.

3-Hitter

Ski Fans 12, In 10-1 Victory

Behind the three-hit, one-run, twelve strike-out pitching of their ace, and only moundsman, Steve Tamborski, the Oak Knoll Pirates grabbed their sixth 12 ND League ball game by banging out 11 safeties for 10 runs to defeat the Oakland Naval Air Station nine on the local diamond Wednesday afternoon.

Until the third inning, Tamborski had a no-hitter when with one away, Richards, first-sacker for the visitors, smashed a ball onto the hillside which just eluded Bill Schneider's glove for an automatic double.

The Pirates grabbed the victory margin in the second inning, when C. F. Young doubled and stole third, Tamborski walked and stole second, and diminutive Charley Stevenson sent them both home with a line single into left.

With Tamborski's help, the game was Young's to win. In four trips to the plate he got a double and two singles, scored three runs, stole three bases, and drove in two runs for the biggest spree in any of his games to date.

Lone run for NAS came in the fourth. With two away, Tamborski gave up the first of six walks to Miller, shortstop, who rode home on a long triple by Ward, catcher for the losers.

In the seven inning contest, Tamborski faced only thirty men, striking out twelve, giving up six walks and three hits, and figured in fifteen of the twenty-one put-outs.

Pirates	023	221	x 10
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